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HUMAN BEINGS HOPELESSLY OVER-CROWDED.

The constant growth of London is leading to ever-increasing difficulty in the solution of the problems that arise when vast masses of people are crowded together in a limited area. Perhaps the most strongly emphasised of these problems at the present moment is the problem of traffic. The streets have become so crowded with vehicles that in many cases travellers by car or omnibus move more slowly than if they walked on foot. At the same time, through efforts to maintain a higher rate of speed, there is a heavy toll of daily death, far exceeding past records. Even in the last few years there has been an enormous increase in the number of street accidents. In Greater London the number of persons killed in the streets in the year 1928 was 657; by 1927 that figure had risen to 1,071. In the same period the number of persons injured rose from 21,000 to 49,000.

Accompanying this constant toll of accident and death is the ever-increasing noise of the motor traffic, which is specially to be condemned when the traffic passes hospitals and nursing homes. In addition, there is the damage done to houses by the vibration caused by heavy vehicles. It is obviously unjust that goods haulage should be allowed thus to damage house property, but apparently the present law provides no remedy. Various commissions and committees have been discussing this traffic problem for some time past, but no scheme that holds out any hope of effectively solving the problem has yet been produced. There is also the problem of clearing away the rubbish that the occupants of each house daily deposit in the street to be removed by dustcart. Owing to the carelessness of the householder, much of this rubbish is put into the street in such a way that it can easily be blown about, and thus creates not merely untidiness but also in some cases sources of infection.

Removal of Rubbish.

Nor are the municipalities free from blame in this matter. Many of the municipal dustcarts go about uncovered, and if a high wind arises much of the rubbish is blown all over the street. A report recently issued by the Ministry of Health on "Public Cleansing" calls attention to these serious evils, and also to the further difficulty that when the rubbish reaches the open country it is deposited in masses that

are "rat and fly ridden, malodorous and water polluting... a danger to health." How these evils are to be overcome it is not easy to see, so long as we have too many people concentrated in too small an area.

This problem of excessive concentration is not a new one. In the days of Queen Elizabeth, when London was quite a little town, the tendency to overcrowding was already evident, and a bold attempt to deal with the resulting evils was made by Parliament. A statute was passed in the year 1532 with the title "An Acte againste the Buildinge." This Act called attention both to the evil of crowding many families into one house and also to the evil of destroying the open fields around London by building new houses upon them. It dealt with the two cities of London and Westminster, and enacted that: "No person or persons shall from henceforth make or erecte anye newe Buildinge or Buildings, House or Houses, for habitation or dwelling within either of the said Cities, or within thre myles of anye of the Gates of the said Citie of London."

A few exceptions were allowed; a man might enlarge his own house or build in his own garden, and so on.

Transference of Industries.

This drastic effort to check the overgrowth of London proved quite futile, and a few decades later the Act was allowed to lapse. If we are to get any improvement in the present situation we must approach the problem from the point of view of how we can best contrive to divert the population to other areas. Most public men in England are now keen on advocating emigration, but unfortunately the Dominions make no serious response. They will only take a few of our picked people, and in actual fact the volume of emigration to the Dominions is to-day less than it was before the war.

The practical question we have to ask is whether it is possible to move some of the industries and commercial enterprises now established in London to other parts of the kingdom, or possibly, if suitable arrangements can be made, to other parts of the Empire. In all countries the growth of great cities is going on, but one suspects that a good deal of this growth is due to automatic forces and not to real economic needs. To establish or to

extend a business in a great city often involves less initial planning than to establish a similar enterprise in another area, but it does not in the least follow that the final result is better. On the contrary, there may be real economy of cost, and at the same time, beyond question, better health conditions for the persons employed. It would have been far better if the Government, instead of assisting out-of-work miners to find jobs in the South of England, had offered to help in the establishment of new industries in the mining areas.

Decentralisation of Offices.

Another direction in which the Government might help in this serious national problem is by transferring part of the business of Government offices to other areas. In particular, there is no obvious reason why such a business as the Post Office Savings Bank, involving an immense amount of clerical labour, should not be established in some provincial town. On a smaller scale as regards numbers, a good deal of bureaucratic decentralisation might be secured by extending local self-government. This, by the way, is one of the points emphasised by the recently established group of Home Rulers for Scotland, who complain that matters concerning Scotland exclusively have to be sent up to London to be settled by bureaucrats living there. The same point has recently been raised in the German Reich by the State of Bavaria, which complains that the administration of Bavarian railways, posts and telegraphs has been transferred from Munich to Berlin.

But as regards numbers the industrial and commercial side is far more important than the political side, and it certainly would be a patriotic action if our leading industrialists and commercial men would consider seriously how they can contribute to the decentralisation of the activities which have led to the overgrowth of London, and are daily leading to an increase in that overgrowth. We have already reached the absurd position that London contains very nearly twice the population of Scotland, and slightly more than the whole population of Australia. Until we can find some way of attracting at least half of this excessive growth to other parts of the country, or of the Empire, we cannot solve the problem of London traffic, or the many other problems that arise from the overcrowding of human beings in too small an area.

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Diary of Coming Events.

To-day. (May 9.)	Monday. (May 13.)	Saturday. (May 11.)
Ascension Day. China Underwriters, Ltd. 6th annual general meeting, Messrs. Shewan Tomes Board Room, noon. Queen's Theatre: "The Crowd." World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad." Star Theatre: "Lights of Old Broadway." Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. European Mails:—Inward: Europe via Siberia (Hague Maru); Europe via Suez (Delta). Out- ward: Europe via Siberia (Delta), 2.30 p.m. Friday. (May 10.) Christian Fellowship Meeting, Helena May Institute, 10.30 a.m. Union Church Hall, jumble sale, 2.30 p.m. H.K.V.D.F. Smoking Concert and Dinner. Queen's Theatre: "The Crowd." World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad." Star Theatre: "Lights of Old Broadway." Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Hector), 4.30 p.m.	Piano Recital: Mr. H. Ore's pupils; Cathedral Hall, 5.30 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "Slightly Used." World Theatre: "The Patsy." At 2.30 and 7.15, Chinese Picture "Yang Kwei Foo." Star Theatre: "The Danger Girl." Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Victoria, B.C., 5 p.m.; and via Siberia, 5 p.m. (President Taft). Tuesday. (May 14.) China Sugar Refining Co., Ltd. (in Voluntary Liquidation) Extra- ordinary general meeting, Messrs. Matheson & Co., Ltd., Board Room, noon. Sanitary Board meeting, 4.15 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "No other Woman." World Theatre: "The Patsy." At 2.30 and 7.15, Chinese Picture "Yang Kwei Foo." Star Theatre: "The Danger Girl." Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Hector), 4.30 p.m.	Shanghai Races, last day. St. Joseph's College Athletic Meeting, Sookunpoo. Lawn Bowls:—Division I.: Kow- loon Dockers v. Taifoo, Craigengower. v. Civil Service, Kowloon Bowling Green v. Police, Kowloon C.C. v. Recreio, Division II.: Recreio v. H.K. Electric, Taifoo v. Kowloon C.C., Civil Service v. Kowloon Bowling Green, Yacht Club v. Craigengower. Tennis:—"A" Division: Craigengower v. M.B.K., H.K.C.C. v. In- dian R.C. "B" Division: Recreio v. Kowloon C.C., H.K.C.C. v. R.E. and R.S., M.B.K. v. Nippon Club, University v. Indian R.C., Chinese R.C. v. South China. "C" Division: Recreio v. R.A.O.C., Civil Service v. R.E. and R.S. Concert: Wesleyan Sailors' and Soldiers' Home, Praya East, 9 p.m. Queen's Theatre: "The Crowd." World Theatre: "The Thief of Bagdad." Star Theatre: "The Student Prince." Tea Dances: H.K. Hotel and Peninsula Hotel, 4.30 p.m. Dinner Dance: Peninsula Hotel, 8.30 p.m. European Mails:—Outward: Europe via Marseilles (Kalyan), 10.30 a.m.

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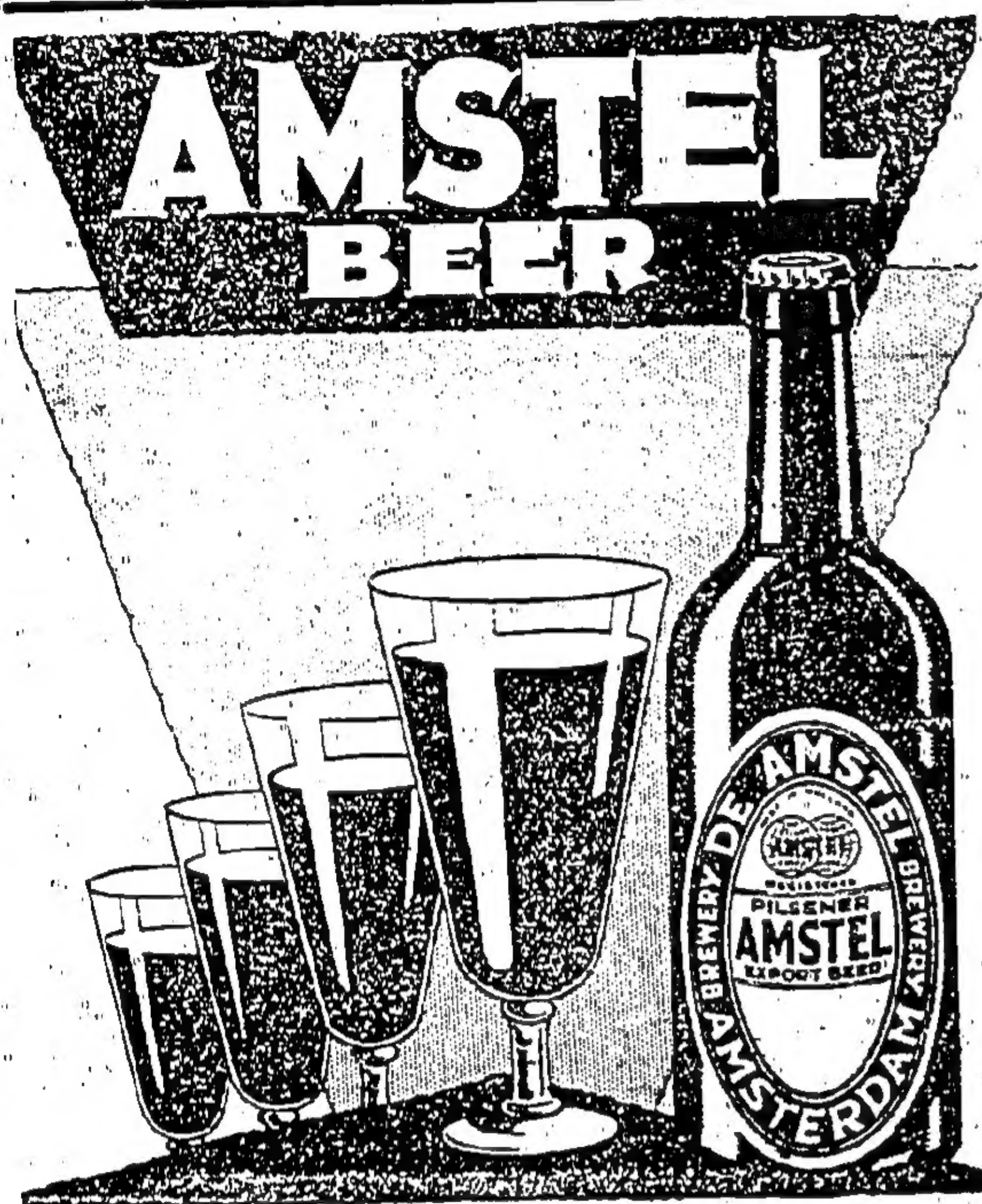
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[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

"Æsthetic surgery" in France has been dealt a severe and perhaps fatal blow by the decision of a court which has condemned a physician to pay a patient 200,000 francs, or \$10,000 in damages.

Suzanne Leguen, a model, who was about to be married, came to Dr. A. Dujarric, a surgeon of high repute, to ask that he operate upon her legs to give her "beautiful" ankles. Dr. Dujarric refused. But the girl pleaded; she said she was perfect, all but her ankles, and that she would commit suicide if he did not operate.

The operation was performed. Unfortunately the skin on the right leg was less flexible than the surgeon had been led to believe. Gangrene set in. It became necessary to amputate the leg to save the girl's life. She brought a suit and the court awarded her exactly what she asked for. Moreover, the court roundly condemned all operations of a similar nature.

"Committed a Serious Fault."

The substance of the verdict lies in this paragraph:

"Granted the conscientiousness, the high professional standing and disinterestedness of Dr. Dujarric, the fact that he undertook an operation in which the patient jeopardized a healthy member for the sole purpose of improving the contour of a limb, without being compelled to perform the act of surgery either because of a therapeutic necessity or for the improvement of the patient's general health, he committed a serious fault and is, therefore, responsible."

The court added that the hysterical pleading of Mlle. Leguen was no justification. The surgeon, it was stated, could have quieted the patient by some pretext and in a last extremity placed her in the care of a psychiatrist.

Medical circles are rather disturbed over the decision and it is not unlikely that an appeal, supported by reputable medical associations, will be made. The verdict implies, it is generally felt, that hereafter no surgeon will be justified in operating save in cases where the history is necessary to preserve the life of the patient. Many operations of a highly beneficial nature fall outside this class, it is pointed out, including cases of appendicitis, goitre, and visceral ptosis.

"Not Allowed a Mistake."

The dictum of the famous French surgeon, Jean-Louis Faure is recalled by several commentators. Upon assuming the chairmanship of the Congress of Surgery, Dr. Faure remarked that in all other occupations, exception is made for moments of human frailty, "but the surgeon is not allowed a mistake."

"That is paying too great a tribute to an art which, after all, is human," he added. "Certain mistakes should be punished, especially when they are the product of rashness, greed, or incompetence. But when an operation is undertaken in good faith, and is skillfully and conscientiously performed—should the surgeon be held responsible if an unforeseen condition intervenes to destroy his labour?"

"That would be to go back to the ancient Chinese custom of beheading the doctor when the patient dies."

The consequences of the verdict are being discussed, not only in medical circles but in the general press as well. *Le Journal*, attacking the verdict, says that if the physician is to be held personally responsible for the success or failure of his operations, it will mean a serious impediment to medical progress.

"Assuming that a physician is confronted with a dying man who has one chance in thirty of being saved by an operation—will he operate, knowing that if he fails he may be ordered by a court to pay the family of the patient several hundred thousand francs?" the newspaper asks.

It is generally lamented that æsthetic surgery, which has in many instances made life better worth living and which has had its most outstanding success in France, will be seriously hampered by the verdict.

Ultra-Violet Rays.

In this connection, it is pointed out that a decision of a court condemning the use of ultra-violet rays for the destruction of superfluous hair in a case where the procedure failed has resulted in the entire discontinuance of this method of treatment despite the fact that it had been successful in ninety-five per cent. of the cases.

(Continued on next column).

MOTOR BOAT TROPHY.

ENGLAND'S "HUSH-HUSH" CRAFT.

LADY TO COMPETE.

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

The world's most powerful speed boat, which will attempt to regain the Harmsworth International Trophy from the United States on Lake Michigan in September, is nearing completion under conditions of strictest secrecy at Cowes, Isle of Wight.

It has been built for Miss M. B. Carstairs, the famous British speed-boat racer who failed in a similar attempt last year, and it is estimated that the cost of the boat will be in the neighbourhood of £20,000 by the time it is launched. Its power will be derived from three Napier aero engines similar to those installed in the victorious Schneider Cup seaplane and Major Segrave's Golden Arrow and Miss England. These will develop three thousand horse-power, and are the most powerful ever built into a speed-boat.

Civilian Guards.

So great was the desire for secrecy in connection with the building of this wonder boat, that a small shipyard was hired and civilian guards posted at the entrances to prevent any unauthorized person entering. The ten British shipwrights who have been constructing the vessel during the past few months were also sworn to secrecy.

Despite these precautions, however, reports from speed-boat experts indicate that the hull, which is of mahogany and silk, is thirty-nine feet long with a beam of nine feet. It is shaped something like a high-powered naval gun shell with an exaggerated bulge towards the bow, and has a one-step hydroplane hull. Not a nail is used in the hull which is composed of an outer skin of perfect mahogany, then a lining of water-proofed silk with an inside layer of mahogany fixed transversely. These layers are sewn together with a specially tough alloy wiring.

The three Napier engines are placed in line, running almost the whole length of the boat, with the drive taken through a gearbox to two shafts and propellers. They have a nominal power of 1,350 h.p., and a maximum of 3,000 h.p., the theoretical maximum speed of the boat being 140 miles an hour and the guaranteed average 110 miles an hour. The propellers are the last thing in driving power, their pitch being quite a departure from anything yet seen in Britain.

The thin fragile looking hull is extremely light, but it is claimed to be quite strong enough to withstand any strain the three powerful engines can put on it when full out. The draught of the boat is also very light, while another feature is the rudder which is stated to be of enormous size and peculiar shape.

RE-ENTRY OF CHINESE INTO THE UNITED STATES.

NO CHANGE OF REGULATIONS.

Washington.—No changes are contemplated in the regulations regarding Chinese who have arrived in the United States since 1924, state officials of the Department of Labour, in commenting on the campaign of San Francisco Chinese to simplify the efforts for re-entry of American Chinese into the United States after visiting their homeland. Officials pointed out that the regulations governing the re-entry of recently arrived Chinese applied equally to the nationals of all other countries and said that it would be a discrimination to change them in favour of China. They contended the regulations worked no hardship as all the Chinese merchants had to do was to obtain a regular passport and enter the country as merchants.

Leaders in many professions have come to the defence of Dr. Dujarric. Henry Bordeaux, of the Academy, has asserted that the "verdict must be broken at all costs."

The other side of the picture is presented by the newspaper, *Paris Midi*, which asserts that the "celebrities are full of people who have died before their time because the surgeon's knife slipped a millimeter or so, or because a surgeon decided to take a chance and lost. Operations of the Suzanne Leguen type cannot be compared with those performed after the war in a valiant effort to restore the faces of horribly mutilated soldiers to some semblance of humanity."

AFGHANISTAN'S FUTURE.

A NATION OR PETTY TRIBES?

CIVIL WAR POSSIBLE.

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

A seething, turmoil ridden country divided against itself—that is Afghanistan. Out of this internal strife will either come a King of the Afghans or the country "will again become a nation of petty tribes each with its own ruler chieftain."

The decision for a unified Afghanistan lies with the members of ten tribes, each jealous of the kingly candidate of the other tribes. There are four chief aspirants to the throne. Each lacks sufficient support to subdue the tribes opposed to his leadership, and each is bartering for added strength to make himself King.

If the Afghans are to have a new King, he probably will be chosen from among the following names: Amanulla, the former King; Nadir-Khan, Bacha-i-Sakao, or Ali Ahmad Jan. But the united support of all the tribesmen is necessary to make the throne secure for the new king who will sit upon it.

Melting of the Snows.

During the month of March, all was quiet in Afghanistan for no strict follower of Mohammed will bother with political fighting during the Feast of Ramadan, the Islam Lent. With the Feast over, the snows melting and the subsequent concentration of the tribes, new moves are expected which either will unite the Afghans under one ruler or will forever divide the country.

Hashim Khan, the brother of Nadir Khan, one of the claimants of the throne, recently secured a promise from the tribes of the Eastern Province not to take part in inter-tribal fighting for six months. At the same time he exacted a promise from them to co-operate with him in the selection of a new ruler. His plan was to oust Bacha-i-Sakao from his hold on the Eastern Province and thus secure the strength necessary to place him as the foremost contender for the throne.

This move, it now seems, was unsuccessful for one of the powerful Shinwari leaders has persuaded a large portion of his tribesmen to break away and join the forces of Bacha-i-Sakao in Kabul. If this split in the tribe continues to grow, it is probable that a portion of this powerful group will support Hashim Khan and the remainder will throw their strength with Bacha-i-Sakao. This tribal division is certain to bring up old feuds and tribes will be fighting tribe. Bloodshed and long warfare will ensue.

Internal Disorder Planned.

In order to make his position more secure, the enemies of Bacha-i-Sakao allege that he has skillfully planned internal disorder to prevent Hashim Khan from uniting his forces with Amanulla, the former King.

Amanulla is thought to be fast gaining strength and his chances of regaining his former throne are better than ever. For some time after he fled for his life to his own people, the Duranis, the former King was looked upon with distrust because his tribesmen had been told of Amanulla's alleged negotiations with Russia. His enemies said their deposed King had denounced Islam and was now a heathen.

Among his own people, the former King went for weeks in continual fear for his life. But opinion has now changed and with the support of his own tribe has come the assistance of the Mohmands and the Afridi, both on the other side of the frontier. Together they make a formidable force.

In the meantime, Afghanistan's destiny is clouded by possible civil war, and from this melting pot of strife the country must obtain a ruler or revert back to the old tribal system. If the latter happens, the unified nation of Afghanistan will disappear from the map and in its place will be a number of petty and restless kingdoms.

RIGHT OF A PASSENGER.

OMNIBUS DRIVER FINED FOR REFUSING TO STOP.

Albert Bunyan, an omnibus driver, of Waltham Cross, was fined 20s. at Wood Green Police Court for refusing a passenger for whom there was room and to whom there was no reasonable objection. Police Sergeant Munday, when in plain clothes in Wood Green, signalled to Bunyan to stop, but he drove on, and the conductor, too, ignored Sergeant Munday's shout that he wanted to enter the omnibus.

DOUBLE MURDER SCHEME DENIAL.

PARK WALKS WITH ACCUSED MOTHER.

"NEVER AT HER HOME."

"I know nothing about it, sir; I know nothing about the crime," exclaimed Henry Senar, aged thirty-four, a ship's steward of Upper Manor Street, Liverpool, at Liverpool Police Court, when he was committed for trial on the charge of having "counselled, procured, and commanded" Mrs. Annie Stewart, aged thirty-one, to murder her two sons, aged seven and five, on March 13, and murdering the children.

Mrs. Stewart will be tried at the same sessions accused of murdering her two children by cutting their throats.

Detective Constable C. S. Bowyer said that Senar stated at Essex Street Police Station:—

"I was coming up to see you about the matter, but my heart failed me. In fact, I thought about committing suicide, but what would have become of the wife and kiddies?"

Detective Inspector H. Burgess read a statement which he said, Senar made and then signed.

Alleged Statement.

Senar stated in it:— "I have known Annie Stewart for about eight months. I guessed she was a married woman as I had seen her with her two children. I have never been to her house at Prince's View. I first met her in Sefton Park about eight months ago by the boat lake.

"We got into conversation, and before I left her I said that I might see her again some afternoon. About a week afterwards I met her again. I had no definite appointment to meet her. We had a walk round the park, and then she went home.

"I told her once I was married, and she told me she was married. I met her altogether about four times in the park, and had a walk with her.

"I have never been with her in public houses or restaurants in the town. Shortly after I met her I got a situation as second steward in the John Holt, in which I sailed in October."

Inspector Burgess added that Senar was asked if he had any objection to be put up for identification, and he replied:—

"No. I am quite willing; I was not there, never have been there. On returning home I saw Mrs. Stewart in Sefton Park, and she asked me if I had received the parcel. I said, 'No. What was in it?' She said, 'You will know when you get it.'"

"I was afraid of the parcel going to my wife, and told the man in the office of John Holt and Company to send it back. I never gave Mrs. Stewart my address, and she never asked for it. She never gave me her address."

"I have never been in Mrs. Stewart's home in my life. I was not there on the day of the murder. I was alone in the park that day from two o'clock to five o'clock. I signed for the dole between 9.30 and 10 in the morning, and then went to the North Dock."

Inspector Burgess also stated that the parcel contained neckties, pairs of socks, a Christmas card, and a letter in an unstamped envelope. The handwriting was that of Mrs. Stewart.

He told Senar that the city analyst had discovered human bloodstains on parts of his clothing, and Senar made no reply.

REPARATIONS COCKTAIL.

FOR EXPERTS.

Marcel, the overworked barman of the hotel where the Experts' Committee on Reparations is meeting, has invented a "Reparation Cocktail."

The mixture is based on the pro rata share of reparations which each country receives, and is composed of:—

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Marcel suggests that a round of this beverage in the committee room just before lunch each day would make the delegates happy.

Barrister at Southend: The bottom of anything is usually to be found opposite the top of it.

Magistrate at Willesden: Have you ever been out of this country? Man: No, sir; never further than Hammersmith.

THE SOLAR ECLIPSE.

OBSERVERS IN THE PHILIPPINES.

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MANILA, May 8.

Three different groups of scientific workers are established at chosen bases in the Visayas, central portion of the Philippine Islands, in readiness for a few tense seconds to-morrow which will determine whether their long voyages will be fruitful or worthless.

Fair weather means that the long-awaited total eclipse of the sun will afford data of greatest value, particularly with reference to Einstein's views on gravitational deflection of light rays. Clouds or rain at the wrong instant will mean that the great gamble of time and money has failed.

It is a gamble with which astronomers have had to put up ever since the observation of eclipses was first thought of. In this case, however, the risk will be split up because the different parties will choose various bases. Elsewhere in the tropics will be still other parties, so some are sure to achieve success.

One party is made up of German scientists who arrived in Manila in late March. Dr. Baade, in charge, chose the town of Catmon-Sogod, Cebu, as headquarters.

The Naval Observatory Group went to Iloilo many weeks ago on the U.S.S. Penguin. It will be at the mouth of Iloilo harbour.

A local expedition from Manila, headed by Fathers Selga and Depermann, will be in Leyte and Cebu.

It is expected that in the area where these groups will be spread out, the eclipse will be visible for about five minutes.

RAILWAY MATERIAL PURCHASES.

JARDINE'S TENDER ACCEPTED.

FOR RAILS AND PARTS FOR THE S.H.N.R.

Nanking.—Among the tenders for the purchase of rails and parts amounting to G.828,000 for the Shanghai-Hangchow-Ningpo Railway, the tender of the Jardine Engineering Corporation has been accepted. The report of the award was submitted by a Committee composed of technical experts and other staff members of the Ministry of Railways.

Telegraphic instructions approving the purchase of three new locomotives for the Canton-Kowloon Railway Line were issued by the Ministry of Railways to-day to the Canton-Kowloon Railway Administration. The Kwangtung Provincial Government was also requested to assist in carrying out the transaction.

The Tientsin-Pukow Railway Administration has also decided to purchase 60,000 sleepers from America, exemption from import duty on which has already been granted by the Ministry of Finance. —Kuo Min.

ELECTRICITY AND THE U.S. PRESS.

DENIAL OF CHARGES BY BROOKLYN "EAGLE'S" PROPRIETOR.

Brooklyn, N.Y.—Frank E. Gannett, head of the Gannett chain of newspapers, has published a statement in the *Brooklyn Eagle* denying that the electrical power interests had influenced the policy of that paper since he assumed its control last year.

Replying to charges of a wide-spread plot to influence public opinion and legislation by the power interests, through financial assistance given the Gannett newspapers, as made during the hearing of the Federal Trade Commission in Washington, Mr. Gannett declared that the International Paper & Power Co. did not own any of the common stock of the corporation which published the *Eagle*. The I.P. & P. Co. had no voting rights in the management of the newspaper, he said. "I personally have a two-third voting power in the common stock of the *Brooklyn Eagle*, Mr. Gannett said.

Mr. Granston of the I.P. & P. interests testified before the Commission in Washington that the company assisted Mr. Gannett with the sum of \$1,954,000 in the purchase of the *Eagle* and advanced other sums to assist in the purchase of newspapers in Ithaca and Albany.

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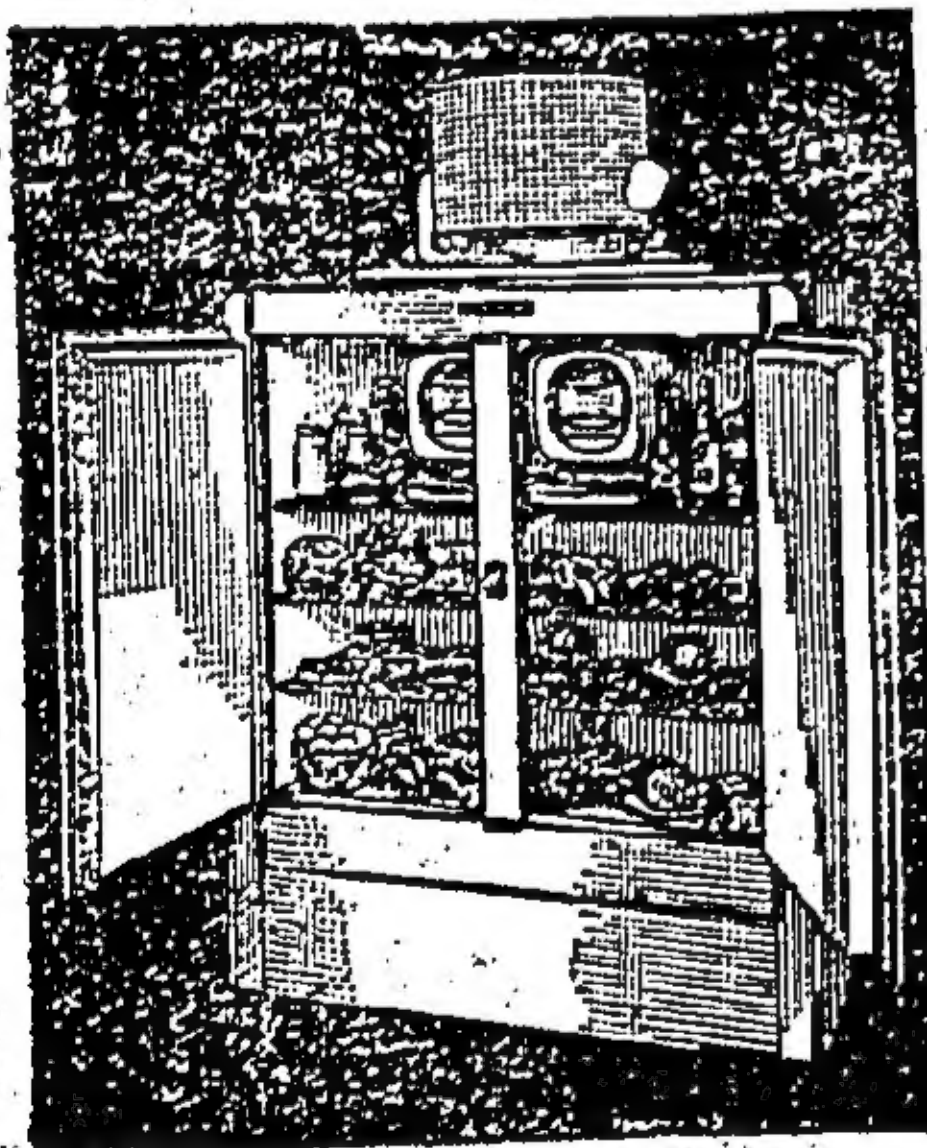
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SPORT AND ATHLETICS.

LONDON BANKS' FOOTBALL.

Both the Senior and Minor Cup finals of the London Banks F.A. were decided on the National Bank of India ground at Blackheath. In the tie for the Minor Cup (holders, Bank of London and South America), which was played off first, Canadian Banks defeated Banque Belge by four goals to two, while in the struggle for the senior trophy (won last year by Lloyds Bank), Midland Bank Reserves were much too strong for National Bank of India and won by seven clear goals.

There was a very big attendance of spectators and, as usual, the excitement was intense, particularly during the Minor Cup final.

Banque Belge won the toss and chose to play against the wind, but in spite of this, for some few minutes they did most of the pressing.

First goal was scored by Geddes, the Canadians' centre-forward, a few minutes before half-time. Bunting equalised for Banque Belge, and the teams changed over with the score 1-1.

In the second half Bunting netted again, after Geddes had found the net a couple of times, but a fourth goal by Goddard settled the issue.

WOMEN ATHLETES.

The third world's games for women will be held at Prague in September, 1930. When the games were held at Paris in 1923, the nations were placed as follows: Great Britain, 50 points; 1; America, 31 points; 2; France, 29 points; 3; Czechoslovakia, 19 points; 4; Japan, 15 points; 5; Poland, 7 points; 6.

In 1923, at Gothenburg, the placings were: Great Britain, 50 points; 1; France, 27 points; 2; Sweden, 20 points; 3; Czechoslovakia, 19 points; 4; Japan, 15 points; 5; Poland, 7 points; 6.

It is likely that the programme of events at Prague next year will be: 80 metres, 100 metres, 250 metres, 1,000 metres; 50 metres hurdles; high jump, long jump, standing long jump, javelin, discus, putting the shot, the relays and the Tricentennial.

JACK CALLAGHAN'S OFFER.

Mr. Jack Callaghan is no longer connected with British Boxing Enterprises, for whom he ran the recent tournament at the Crystal Palace, and his offer of a purse of £3,500 to Phil Scott and Charlie Smith is made off his own bat. Jack has had a long experience of promoting big fights, and was the original promoter at the Holborn stadium.

A famous manager of boxers said that he had frequently taken boys to fight for him without any contract.

ANOTHER SWIMMING PRODIGY.

Ever since competitive swimming became popular youthful prodigies have captured public attention with performances of exceptional promise. It must be admitted that almost every champion since the days of Joey Nuttall has shown distinct promise while still in the early "teens," which goes to prove that these remarkable boys and girls frequently fulfil expectations. It is doubtful, however, if there has ever been a more promising youngster than the 13-year-old Australian girl Miss Joan Cocks, who in the recent Australian championships made a clean sweep of the junior and senior championship tests. She took the 100 metres junior event in 1min. 13secs., passing the 100 yards mark in 1min. 8.1secs., and took the senior event with fractionally slower time. These are extraordinary feats for a girl of 13, but apparently the young Australian is also a stayer, for she won the 200 metres in 2mins. 45.2secs., and the 400 metres in 5min. 53.3secs. Judged by her 600 metres time Miss Cocks is already the second fastest middle distance swimmer of her sex in the world, and is the nearest rival of the American Miss Martha Norleus.

Since she took up swimming three years ago Miss Cocks has been coached by Mr. Dudley Helmrich, a Sydney sporting journalist, and it is a coincidence that Miss Norleus was trained by a New York journalist, Mr. L. de B. Handley.

AN M.C.C. HONOUR.

Mr. Frederick Charles Toone, the manager of the M.C.C. team, which has just returned from Australia after successfully defending the "Ashes," joins the growing band of Knights whose honour has been awarded for something other than political services. In recent years there has been an extraordinary widening of the field in which distinctions are conferred. The careers of Sir Harry Lauder, Sir Ross Smith, Sir Alan Cobham, Sir Henry Segrave and now Sir Frederick Toone contain little that approximates to the idea of public service as interpreted in the granting of honours a dozen or more years ago, but each in his separate sphere has accomplished something of outstanding merit that has fully justified the award.

Sir Frederick Toone will doubtless make an appropriate expression of his gratitude to the cricketers whose skill made his triumphant return possible and it is equally certain that Capt. Malcolm Campbell will reflect a little sadly on the Knighthood he missed by 12.97125 miles an hour.

KOZELUH TRAINING BRITISH PLAYERS.

Serious preparations for the lawn tennis season have begun at the All-England Club at Wimbledon, where Karel Kozeluh, the famous Czechoslovakian, the world's lawn tennis champion, arrived recently for a period of coaching duties.

Kozeluh has been engaged by the All-England Club to coach promising young players and the British Davis Cup teams, and during the next four weeks, for about five hours each day, Kozeluh will be on the hard courts instilling confidence in the young players and speeding up their game. The grass courts are not ready for play, but no doubt before the end of his engagement Kozeluh will be seen in action in one or other of the famous arenas.

Last season the champion was engaged for a period at Wimbledon on similar duties, and then he did something to achieve the "half-fifteen improvement" which Lord D'Abernon had said was necessary in the home players' game to compete successfully with overseas players. Since then Kozeluh has spent some months in the United States, and it was said by some of those who have watched him that he has improved.

CAPARLANCA IN LONDON.

Senior Capablanca's first simultaneous display at Messrs. Selfridge's was limited to men only, and, although the 40 players he encountered were not all up to first class strength, there were at least some who would play in the first dozen boards for their counties, and a much greater number who would be in the first 50.

The result was that Capablanca won 35 games, and drew five; he himself carrying out the adjudication at 5.30 p.m. Whether a different result might have been obtained if the games had been played out in a matter of conjecture, but 40 boards to finish in four hours is a fairly stiff proposition. His own verdict was that in only one case did he play badly, and, fortunately, his opponent did not take full advantage of this. The five players who secured the draws were Messrs. E. Eastman, C. H. Hansen, A. Jackson, C. H. Reid, and H. Vine.

COCKFIGHTING.

The Society for the Prevention of Cruelty to Animals is offering £100 reward for information bearing on the Press announcement that the cock-fighting season in the Lake district is beginning.

THE WOMAN'S CORNER.

THUMB-SUCKING.

Thumb-Sucking is one of those unconquerable problems which seem to pursue earnest mothers endlessly.

In the days of our grandmothers it used to be encouraged. It kept the infant occupied and quiet. "A baby who sucks his thumb, is a good baby," was the well-worn slogan.

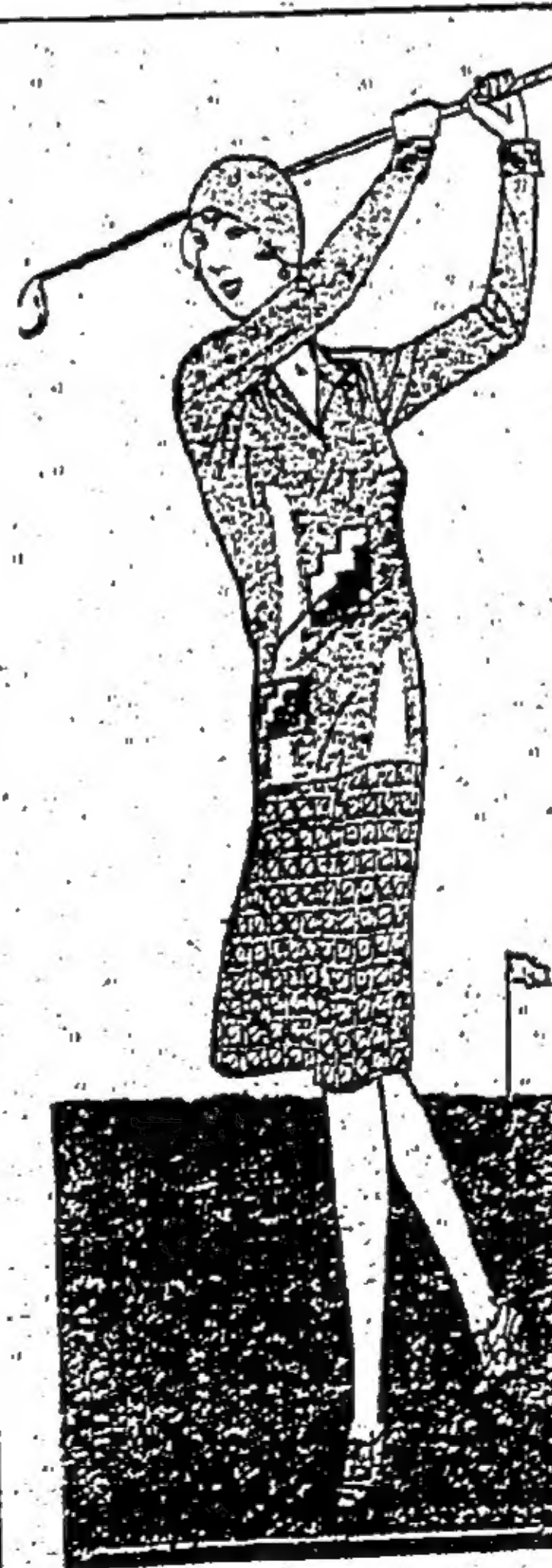


But in recent years the doctors have been terrifying us with their warnings against the evils of thumb-sucking. They have predicted all sorts of dire results from misshapen dental arches to gastronomic ills and psychological perversions. Determined to save their thumb-sucking children from these impending disasters, earnest mothers have resorted to all sorts of apparatus in an effort to keep the errant thumb out of the yawning mouth.

A few weeks ago a prominent specialist made the public assertion that thumb-sucking (unless continued long after babyhood) had nothing to do with misshaping the mouth and dental arch. In fact, he asserted that thumb-sucking was good for infants!

And now those experts Dr. Smiley and Margaret Blanton, announce that the mother "can afford to ignore thumb-sucking, unless it is carried beyond the third year!" (The exclamation point is mine.) These experts believe that thumb-sucking is established as a habit in response to hunger, or to a sensation caused by over-feeding and mistaken for hunger by the infant, or because of an unsatisfactory diet. It is at its worst when the stomach

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A MODERN WOMAN SPEAKS HER MIND.



"This has been the worst year in business that I can remember. If it hadn't been for my wife, I don't know how I could have pulled through."

It was just the other day that a friend of mine made this statement in my hearing and I am repeating it for obvious reasons. For one thing, it's a pleasure to hear a man give his wife the credit that is her due in such circumstances. And then, too, it brings home again the truth that a woman can often make or break a man.

What possible incentive could any man have to pull himself out of a financial hole if he had an extravagant thoughtless wife? He needs encouragement and co-operation to get on his feet again and any woman with a modicum of common sense should realize this. What chance has he to re-establish his financial position if she goes her own blither way, spending what she hasn't got and running up bigger and bigger bills for him to meet? Such lack of sympathy is enough to discourage any man to the point where he says to himself "Oh, what difference does it make, there's no use trying," and then he is lost.

Some women take it as an insult if their husbands cut down their allowances on the plea that "business is bad just now." They figure either that George has had a business scare which doesn't really amount to anything or else that he is suddenly getting stingy. It never occurs to them that he may need every bit of help they can give him to get on his feet again and they casually disregard his warnings.

The result is usually disaster. On the other hand, the wife who puts every ounce of her energy into helping her husband win his respect and admiration for ever and often succeeds in helping him back to his former status.

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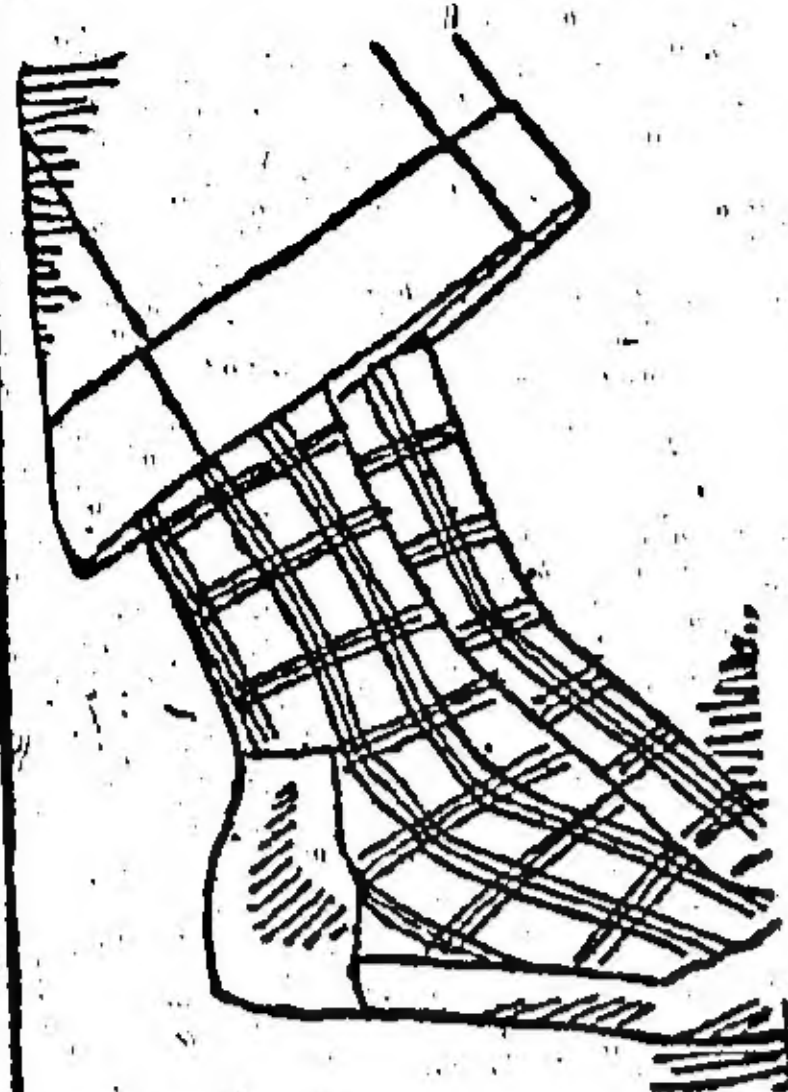
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[A.P.B.]

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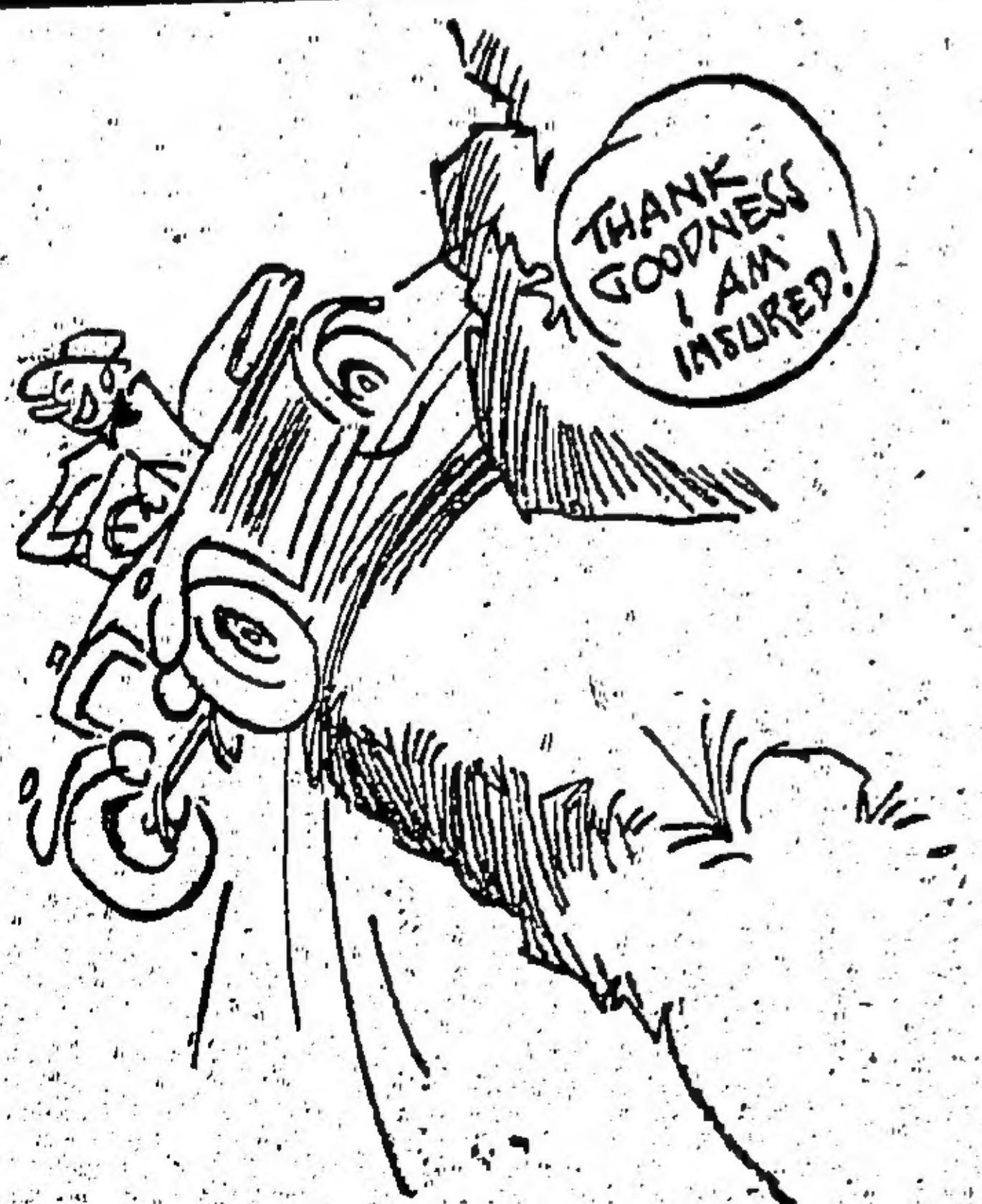
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BANK VERSUS TREASURY CASE.

HANDWRITING EXPERT GIVES EVIDENCE.

MR. JENKIN CONCLUDES HIS OPENING.

ALLEGED DOUBTS AS TO FORGERY OF SIGNATURES.

The opening of the defence by Mr. F. C. Jenkin, K.C., in the case before the Chief Justice (Sir Henry Gollan) and a special jury in the Supreme Court, in which the Treasury is suing the Hong Kong and Shanghai Banking Corporation for the re-crediting of \$260,000, debited in consequence of the Carvalho Yeo frauds, was concluded yesterday.

The defence is contending negligence on the part of the Treasury and holds that, on this account, the Government is estopped from making any claim. It is further contended that the signatures on the three alleged forged cheques are genuine.

PROFESSOR SHELLSHEAR QUOTES AN AUTHORITY.

Professor J. L. Shellshear, of Hong Kong University, called by the defence as an expert witness on handwriting, gave his opinion on the signatures of the Colonial Treasurer and Mr. Black on the three Government cheques for a total amount of over \$260,000, were genuine.

Continuing his address to the jury, Mr. Jenkin asked what would have been the position as between the Government, particularly the Treasury Department, and the Bank if the occurrence with regard to the extraction of cheques from the two cheque books were discovered and the uses to which they could be put properly appreciated in the Treasury at the time the discoveries were made?

Four Points Stressed.

Counsel then stressed the following four points—

1.—Tsang On Wing was admittedly the Colonial Treasurer's deputy in connection with looking after the cheque books, checking them and seeing to their safety. It was left entirely to Tsang and, in a minor degree, to Cheung Man Kuen.

2.—It was Tsang On Wing's duty to report an occurrence of that kind to his chief, either directly or through Mr. Black.

3.—If Tsang had reported the occurrence with regard to the first book then the extraction of cheques from the next from which the disputed cheques were taken, would have been impossible.

4.—If Tsang had reported with regard to the first book, or if he had failed to report that, as he did, and had reported the next book, then Mr. Messer would at once have informed the Bank.

Counsel said that the position he wished to put to the jury was that if a principal, that was, the head of a department, gave a duty of that class to a subordinate, such as Tsang On Wing, and the latter became acquainted with a fact which it would be his duty to report to his chief, if he failed to report, then his principal was to be taken as having received that information at the time when the discovery was made.

An Obvious Duty.

Counsel submitted that in the present case the dealings between the Bank and the Government had been such that, unquestionably, it would have been their duty to notify the Bank of the extraction of cheques from the books.

On the questioning of handwriting, Mr. Jenkin said that the jury would have for their guidance enlarged photographs, a microscope, and a screen representation of His Lordship's chambers. That, he said, would be only for their guidance, as photographs were subject to light and shade effects.

He mentioned that Dr. Shellshear would be called and said that for some five years he had made a study of alleged forged documents and was concerned in the present case as soon as the question arose. He was approached by Mr. T. H. King, who had charge of the case on behalf of the Government, but he had already been engaged by the Bank. No doubt, he had been available, he would have been engaged by the Government.

Rareties Reproduced.

Dealing with genuine rarities in the handwriting of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black, counsel said it would be impossible, if the signatures were in the nature of proficient copies

of signatures, that the forger could not only have got the similarities of pen pressure but had picked up in both signatures, extremely rare features which, in fact, appeared in genuine signatures, as the most intensive search had revealed.

Dr. Shellshear, after dealing with his method of examination, said that the three disputed cheques contained 41 words, including signatures, 253 letters including signatures and 37 numerals.

Mr. Jenkin: Do you find in them a reproduction of the features which you have found in genuine writing?—I do.

Have you found a reproduction of the pen pressure which you say is to be found in the signatures of Mr. Black?—I have.

And Mr. Messer?—I have. And the handwriting in the body of the cheques?—I have.

What have you to say as to the freedom of the writing in the disputed documents?—The writing is free.

It is written with the same ease and flow as in all other cheques I have looked at. There is no sign of hesitation or breaks or anything of that kind, added witness.

What with regard to the signatures of Mr. Messer. Does the same thing apply?—Yes.

And with regard to the writing on the body of the cheques, the same thing applies?—Yes.

Is it your opinion that it is impossible for two persons to produce the same features in two different writings?—Yes, to imitate the writing of another.

You found that in the disputed cheques there is a reproduction of a certain number of rare features in the signatures of Mr. Black and Mr. Messer?—I did.

Features which would be discoverable only upon an intensive examination of genuine writings?—Yes.

Effect on Nerves.

After describing the effect of the nervous system on the action of writing, witness agreed with Mr. Jenkin that the mechanism required in the reproduction of a word with personal characteristics was so complex that, in witness's view, it would baffle emulation.

Professor Shellshear went on to analyse the signature of Mr. Messer and Mr. Black, large copies of the signature being pinned on the blackboard for demonstration purposes.

Witness went on to describe in detail how various strokes were made, microscopic photographs also being used for illustration purposes. The relative heights of the letters varied throughout the cheques.

Dr. Shellshear explained that the photographs, which were taken with the assistance of binocular microscopes, indicated the pen-pressure of the writers. They also revealed that some of the main features in the signatures on the alleged spurious cheques were identical with similar features on genuine cheques. The pen pressure was the same. Angularity and parallels were also the same. He had made exhaustive microscopic examinations and was convinced that the handwriting on the three disputed cheques displayed no signs of hesitation.

Still Saving Time.

At this stage of the proceedings, Mr. Jenkin intimated that Dr. Shellshear wished to read a passage from Osborn's "Problem of Proof of Handwriting," which was published in 1923 and with which he was quite familiar.



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The sign of the three brass balls is familiar to English people in the home country, and although "Uncle's" sign is not to be met with in China, the pawnbroking business flourishes in their rising Republic. Chinese have long had their own pawnshops, and in the French Concession in Tientsin, they carry on business with the French sign over their door, "Mont de Piété." In Taku Road, however, there is a foreign pawnshop, the business of which is carried on by Russians. It is known by the name of "Lombard," apparently as a tribute to the princely house who began this style of business in the middle ages in Northern Italy, from whose balls signa come the three brass balls still used in England as pawnbroker's shop signs, whether it be the lordly Attenborough's or the humblest "pop-shop."

Wide-Spread Range of Business.

The premises of Lombard's in Tientsin are of an unpretentious sort, and the ordinary passer-by might see the shop without giving a thought to its real nature. It would require the pen of a Dickens to describe adequately this accommodating Uncle of Taku Road. All its money-lending transactions are conducted with foreigners and it is a cosmopolitan clientele that "pop" their articles with Lombard. Money is advanced on anything from one's last shirt or a woollen sweater to a diamond ring or a rope of pearls. Pawn tickets of small and inconvenient size, which customers of these establishments are wont to see in England are not used, but a paper about the size of a small insurance policy or ship's document is furnished, and the clauses on the back of the document, which are printed in Russian and English, are about as lengthy as the clauses on a ordinary bill of lading.

Lombard's have their regular customers, and when the United States Marines were stationed in Tientsin they were Lombard's best customers. They pawned cameras, fountain pens, cigarette cases, boots, woollen mufflers, portable typewriters, singlets, pyjamas, etc.

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ART EXHIBITION AT NIPPON CLUB.

HALTING BETWEEN TWO OPINIONS.

A local Japanese artist, Mr. K. Kaneko, is holding today an exhibition of his work in the Nippon Club. Mr. Kaneko, like many of his countrymen, is still undecided whether to paint in the traditional Japanese style or to adopt the Western technique. It seems, to a fellow artist, peculiarly unfortunate that Japanese painters are beginning to take an interest in European forms of art just at a period when Western art is itself in a state of flux. That they should be tempted to throw away their inherited gift of composition in favour of cubic craziness is more than deplorable, for if that goes there is little except the charm and delicacy of line and colour which remains to Japanese art, and these too are being thrown into the melting pot.

When he turns to theatre scenes or purely decorative flower compositions Mr. Kaneko's work has a very pleasing quality, but his Western-style sketches of local views seem to be nothing but an attempt to reproduce effects which he has seen in the work of European artists. It is probable that Mr. Kaneko and his fellow artists of Japan, will be able to get something from European art, and they have a great lesson to teach in return, but at present the artist whose work is now on exhibition at the Nippon Club is halting uncertainly at the parting of the ways.

E. M. B.

An Expert for Fur Coats.

Strange to say, the majority of articles pawned are redeemed before the expiry date. Ladies' fur coats have a knack of finding their way to Lombard's, especially from the Russian community, who often find themselves in temporary financial embarrassment. For this particular line of pawnbroking a fur expert is retained, so that there is no chance of putting one over on "Uncle" by getting bigger value than the fur coat is worth.

The interior of Lombard's gives no clue to what profits are made on the year's transaction, but as the establishment has been in existence for several years it can be safely concluded that the business is not being run at a loss. The only articles Lombard's do not advance money on are empty bottles and the old M.S. of time-expired editorials.

KWANGTUNG'S FIRST LINE COLLAPSES.

KWANGSI TROOPS SWEEP DOWN WEST RIVER.

FIGHTING ON THE KOWLOON-CANTON RAILWAY.

THREAT TO SOUTHERN CAPITAL.

The uncertainties of Chinese warfare have never been more strikingly exemplified than in the present Kwangtung-Kwangsi war. So far from the poor province being overwhelmed it has boldly attacked in two main directions, crumpling Kwangtung's first line of defence on the West River, and threatening the Canton-Hankow Railway, north of Canton.

The "Kwangsi militarists" administered Kwangtung with such success that the defending forces are by no means united against their old chiefs and both the Navy and the East River troops are reported to have changed sides.

Details of the situation are given below by our Canton correspondent.

[FROM OUR CHINESE CORRESPONDENT.]

CANTON, May 8. Startling developments have occurred since the declaration of war between Kwangtung and Kwangsi a couple of days ago, and the fall of Canton to Kwangsi is believed to be imminent. Fighting is reported to have started along the Canton-Kowloon Railway between the different units of the Second Kwangtung Division under General Tang Yin Wah. This Division was formerly commanded by General Hsu King Tong, a Cantonese General, but a firm adherent of the Kwangsi Clique. When General Chen Tsai Tong and Admiral Chen Chak returned to Canton from Nanking and declared the neutrality of Kwangtung in the Wuhan-Nanking war, General Hsu King Tong declined to associate himself with the actions of the other Cantonese generals. He tendered his resignation, which was accepted, and the Central Government appointed General Tang Yin Wah to his command. The nature of the fighting along the Canton-Kowloon Railway is still shrouded in mystery and reports to hand are meagre. But it is thought that the two trusted subordinates of General Hsu King Tong, Colonels Li Mo Tze and Wan Yin Kiu, suddenly turned against their new leader, General Tang Yin Wah. They want to secure the return of their old chief and have seized the opportunity, when the majority of the Kwangtung forces were fighting in the West River district to launch an attack on the rear of General Chen Tsai Tong's armies.

FEAR IN CANTON.

Owing to this sudden and unexpected offensive from the East River districts, the train service between Kowloon and Canton has been suspended.

There is very great alarm in Canton, which spread from the moment it was found that the train service had been suspended. One story was that General Hsu's two subordinates were rapidly advancing on Canton. Others looked westward with the utmost apprehension believing that there had been a Kwangtung debacle on the West River and that the victorious Kwangsi forces would be arriving in vast flotillas of junks and launches.

Many people are packing up and leaving the city for Hong Kong. Meanwhile martial law is strictly enforced and large squads of police gendarmes are everywhere patrolling the streets, carrying rifles and machine guns. Several armoured cars are also driving up and down the streets. Neither vehicles nor pedestrians are allowed to pass Police Headquarters and the many military points after 10 p.m. At night sentries and pickets are stationed in every street to search passers-by for illicit firearms. But, as far as the writer is able to ascertain, no trouble of any sort has occurred.

KWANGSI ADVANCE ON SHUIHUNG.

The Kwangsi forces have had phenomenal success along the West River, having captured Dosing, Fung Chun and Yuet Shing without opposition, while the latest reports to hand state that Shuihung, a

most important strategic point on the River, has fallen into their hands, and Kwangtung forces under Colonel Heung Hon Ping are being driven back on Samshui and Ho How where it is hoped to make a determined stand. This reverse is considered in local military circles to be very serious, as the Kwangtung first line of defence has collapsed. The Kwangsi troops are also reported to be advancing towards Tung Yuen, an important city on the North River, where they hope to join hands with General Wong Koak Chu who is advancing with an army of some 8,000 from Wai Tsap and Ling Yang in eastern Kwangsi. If these two forces can effect a junction at this point, an attack will be made on Canton.

STRONG FORCES.

Kwangsi is attacking Kwangtung from three directions. General Wong Shiu Hong is in supreme command and is personally directing military operations on the West River. General Wu Ting Yang, another of Kwangsi's leaders, is reported to be invading Kwangtung from Yam Chow and Lim Chow in the southern part of the Province. This Kwangsi force left Nanning a couple of days ago and is also reported to be making rapid progress. The forces operating against Kwangtung are estimated at over 24,000 strong.

The Kwangsi forces have also been reinforced by the arrival of the defeated remnants of Wu Tsung Tok and Hsia Wei's armies from Wuhan. Though badly beaten by Marshal Chiang Kai Shek, they numbered about 40,000 and are still fairly well equipped. They will be used against Ho Chien, who is attacking Kwangsi from Hunan.

Thousands of handbills "fortifying" the martial spirit of the fighters have been distributed among the Kwangsi troops. Among other things the following slogans were composed: "The Kwangsi People have to Depend on the Kwangtung People for Food," "The Kwangtung People have to Depend on the Kwangsi People for Military Protection," "So Let Us Fight!"

Perhaps the most serious aspect of the Canton situation is the doubtful attitude of the Navy. Several commanders are said to be refusing to obey the Canton regime and have determined to remain neutral. This is considered a serious matter and it is by no means certain that they will not go right over to Kwangsi.

REINFORCEMENTS FROM THE NORTH.

Confirmation of the fall of Shuihung is contained in the *Industrial and Commercial Daily Press* which states that Wong Yuk Cho's troops marched from Takking on the evening of the 6th inst. and captured Yuet Shing, close to Shuihung, at 3 o'clock on Tuesday morning. They are now in Lukpo and are fighting with the Kwangtung troops under Heung Hon Ping.

Two divisions commanded by Chiang Ting Wen and Li Ming Shui have been sent south by the Central Government on board the Gunboat Haiyung. They were expected in Fung Chai on Wednesday and will proceed to Ningshan to attack Kwangsi with Kweilin as their objective.

K.O.S.B. COURT MARTIAL.

MAJOR OGILVY UNDER CROSS-EXAMINATION.

AN OBJECTION BY COUNSEL FOR PROSECUTION.

At the resumed District Court Martial yesterday, Mr. D. L. Strellett, defending Corporal Charles Hendry, K.O.S.B., for alleged embezzlement of \$1,300 from the Regimental Institute funds, concluded his cross-examination of Major G. M. Ogilvy, who was president of the Institute during the greater portion of the period covered by the alleged defalcations. The cross-examination lasted all day.

Major Ogilvy stated in reply to the defence that cash payments were rarely handed to him by the accused, and that the majority of cash payments were made by the latter. Incidentally were not entered in the books. The item of \$80 for a year's postage was not unreasonable, but \$2 or \$3 a month would be the most in the P.R.I. office.

Army's "Little Luxuries." Mr. Strellett: "Were there escort expenses?"

Mr. Fitzroy: "What would the P.R.I. want escorts for?"

Witness: It is not my job, but escorts may have been paid for. Mr. Strellett: The P.R.I. pay for a lot of little luxuries like that, do they not?—Yes.

Would it be right to say that \$51 was paid for postmen's fares, escorts and general fares?—Probably, it does not seem to be an unreasonable sum.

Witness was questioned regarding the payment of \$20 a month for cinema operators and entries showing only \$180 from January to November of last year and said that the actual amount paid was \$160. As regards billiard accessories, witness was not aware that the P.R.I. paid for them, otherwise he would not have authorised payment.

A Sum in Excess.

In cross-examination during the afternoon, witness agreed that there was a deficit of \$7.40 in the account at the end of October. A cash payment of \$80 was made by the accused in November, which wiped out the deficit and left \$72.60 in excess.

Witness was being questioned regarding balance sheets and whether the accused had at any time been asked to make explanations, when Mr. Wadson, prosecuting, interrupted and made a submission and was understood to object to the manner in which certain questions were put to the witness.

Mr. Fitzroy (to Major Ogilvy): Should there be anything in your answers which may be incriminating in subsequent proceedings, you can refuse to answer if you think fit.

Mr. Strellett (to witness): Did the accused at any time give any false or misleading explanation of the entries?—Not to my knowledge. When I handed over, I had no reason to believe that anything was wrong with the accounts.

Who received the billiard payments?—Unless I had initiated the billiard book the payments were received by the accused.

How did you check the entries in the billiard book?—Witness declined to answer.

Do the balance sheets purport to show any outstanding due to the P.R.I. at dates they were made out?—They do. The balance sheets should show all the outstanding as far as they are known.

Office Hours and Attendance. Your office hours are from 8.30 to 1 p.m.—Yes.

And Corporal Hendry is in the office during those hours?—Not unless he is on other duty.

He attends even on Sunday morning?—I believe he was there. Sometimes in the afternoons during the week?—Yes.

In addition to P.R.I. work the accused was clerk to the messing office?—Yes, I have seen him working on the books. That had nothing to do with P.R.I.

Corporal Hendry had a tin box in which he kept his books, cash, and any cheques, etc.?—Yes. I put it to you that the cash in that box?—I don't know; I never checked the contents of the box.

How long are you in the office?—Practically the whole morning when I am not on other work. Stayed more than an hour every day?—Yes.

I put it to you that the average time you spent in the office every day was half an hour?—A good deal more than that.

Did you go there on Wednesdays?—Very rarely.

(Continued on next column.)

THERE WERE FORTY SHROFFS —

AND ONLY SIX REMAIN!

INTERESTING TURN IN KOWLOON CASE.

The case against Jose dos Caldos, who is charged with unlawful conversion of deposit money handed to him by would-be employees in the Philippine-Trading Company, Kowloon, of which the defendant was manager, took an interesting turn at the hearing yesterday before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy.

The defendant is alleged to have obtained some \$1,500 in deposit money from forty Chinese, including many young girls, who paid the money as a deposit in return for employment. The firm with premises in Middle Road, suddenly closed up last March and a Filipino, who is stated to have been the proprietor, disappeared.

Mr. L. R. Andrews who is prosecuting on behalf of the Crown said that the prosecution wished the case to be heard summarily and not, as primarily intended, a "committal" case. The reason for this was that the forty complainants could not be found. The case had extended over a long period and the majority had left the Colony.

The prosecution could not call these witnesses and for that reason it would be best that the case be heard summarily.

"Not Chiefly Concerned."

Continuing, Mr. Andrews said that the evidence already heard tended to be in favour of the defendant and it would appear that he was not chiefly concerned in the alleged fraud. However, the prosecution had further evidence which would show that the defendant was living a "fast" life at the time the deposits were made.

On the other hand, it would appear that the defendant had not benefited personally, most of the money having been given to the Filipino proprietor who is not in custody.

The defendant, speaking in English, questioned one of the Chinese complainants who was engaged as a shroff in the firm and who was in the shop throughout the time of its existence.

The gist of the questioning showed that the Filipino proprietor had informed each and everyone in the shop, in answer to complaints, that "everything would be all right" at the end of the month. The shroff corroborated the defendant's contention that he had told the proprietor that he wished to resign his position as manager.

Further questioned, the shroff said that defendant had urged the Filipino to refund the deposit to one of the girl employees who had asked for a refund, but the Filipino kept putting it off from day to day. She never received her money.

The shroff corroborated defendant's statement that the Filipino called him a fool when he questioned his action of asking for \$100 as security from an employee, instead of the usual amount of \$50.

The shroff also said that he heard defendant tell the Filipino that if things carried on in that state, he would get into trouble. The Filipino replied that he was his business and that the defendant would not get into trouble because he was the proprietor.

The case was adjourned.

Part of Hendry's Duties.

Apart from signing receipts and endorsing cheques was not the routine work left entirely to Corporal Hendry?—No answer.

Mr. Fitzroy (to Mr. Strellett): Are you pressing the question?—No.

Mr. Strellett (to witness): At the audit Corporal Hendry was present with his books and vouchers?—Yes.

In connection with his P.R.I. duties it was necessary for Corporal Hendry to be away from the office?—Yes, as messing clerk and in connection with P.R.I. work.

This closed the cross-examination of the witness. Mr. Wadson in re-examination asked witness whether he would consider it to be any part of his duties to take money to the bank. Witness replied in the negative.

Mr. Wadson: You were also asked if it was for your convenience that the accused kept the books. What was the primary object?—It was part of his duties.

After further questions the Court adjourned.

DELAYED MAIL.

POST OFFICE SUES LOCAL SHIPPING AGENTS.

TECHNICAL OFFENCE.

Before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy yesterday morning, Messrs. John Manners & Co., as agents for the East Asiatic Co.'s m.v. Malays, were summoned for failing to give notice to the Postmaster-General of the alternation in the hour of the departure of the vessel on May 3rd.

Mr. T. Hynes, Superintendent of Mails, said that Messrs. John Manners notified the Post Office, at about 3 o'clock on the afternoon of May 2, that the ship would be sailing the following morning, for Shanghai and other ports. The Post Office accordingly made up mails for dispatch to Shanghai and Europe via Siberia by the steamer.

At 3 p.m. on the 3rd, witness was informed by one of his launch officers that the ship had not sailed. At Messrs. John Manners & Co.'s offices he was told that the vessel was not sailing according to schedule, and later on, they received notice that she was sailing at four o'clock.

A representative of Messrs. John Manners said it was extremely difficult for the Company to know the exact hour of departure. The Captain had informed them on the morning of May 3 that, during the night, some of the cargo had to be shifted and discharged, and that he had, in consequence, been unable to sail at the scheduled hour. They did not then think it was necessary to inform the Post Office.

His Worship found that a technical offence had been committed, and imposed a fine of \$5.

COMPLAINTS AGAINST CONTRACTORS.

NOISE IN KOWLOON.

Before Mr. T. S. Whyte Smith at Kowloon Magistracy yesterday, the Chinese contractor of the buildings on a site where the "Victoria View" flats once stood, was summoned by Mr. M. J. Rowe, proprietor of "Marble Hall."

Mr. Hin Shing Lo who appeared on behalf of the defendant, said Mr. Rowe was quite prepared to withdraw the summons and effect a compromise.

Mr. Rowe stated that Mr. Lane, the architect, said that all hammering noises would be stopped at 5.30 p.m. each day, while other work could stop at 7.30 p.m. His complaint was that the work had been going on until 11.30 p.m. at times.

Mr. Lo suggested that all hammering should stop at 7.30 p.m. and other work at 9 p.m. and these times were agreed upon.

SEQUEL TO S.S. KINTANG AFFAIR.

JARDINE'S GIVEN Tls. 1,000 AWARD.

Mr. James B. Katz, proprietor of the Commercial Express & Storage Co., of Shanghai must pay damages of Tls. 1,000 and costs to the Indo-China Steam Navigation Co., Ltd., represented by Jardine, Matheson & Co., Ltd., under ruling of Judge Milton D. Purdy in the U.S. Court for China.

The shipping firm's claim was based on damages sustained through detention of the China Navigation Co.'s steamer Kintang at Wanchien as result of discovery that 25 cases of freight, alleged to be gramophone needles, contained ammunition.

The needles were accepted by the Indo-China company for shipment to Chungking and the firm made arrangements with the China Navigation Co. for trans-shipment at Ichang. Search by the military authorities at Wanchien resulted in discovery that the "needles" were ammunition and the Kintang was detained four days in consequence.

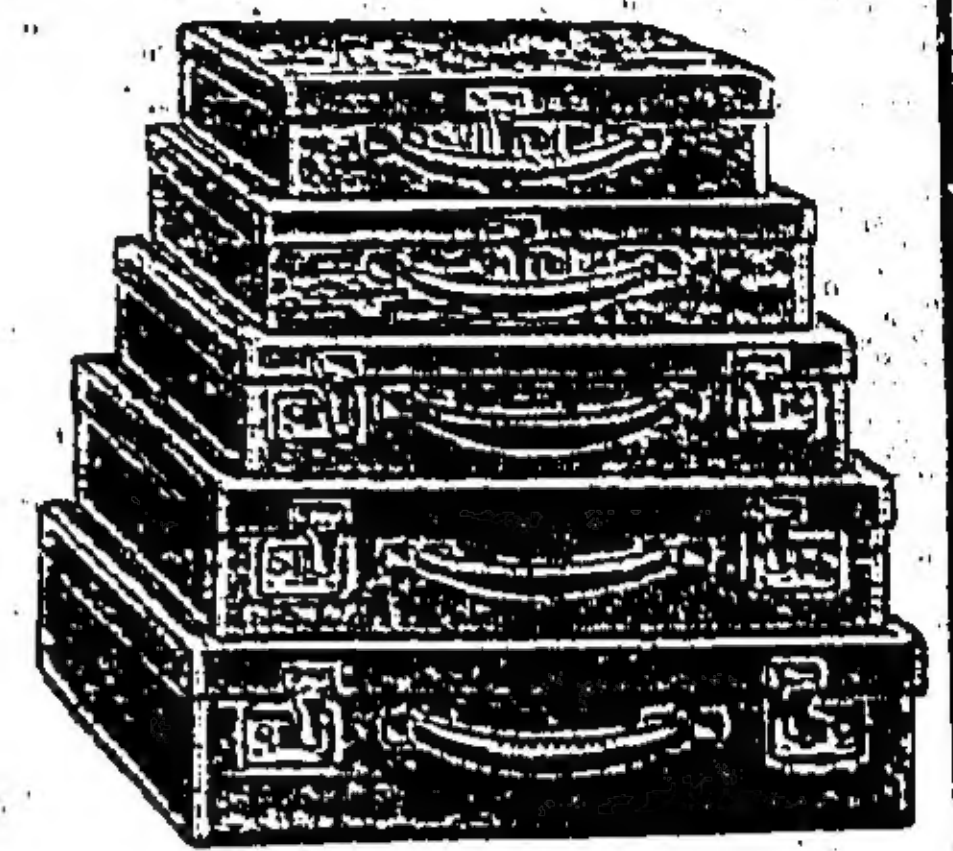
The Indo-China company claimed Tls. 10,000 damages but Judge Purdy ruled that plaintiffs could only recover damages sustained by reason of detention of the vessel at Wanchien although plaintiffs had paid to the China Navigation Co. a larger sum.

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Hong Kong, May 1st, 1929. [7793]

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The TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be CLOSED from 1st MAY, 1929, to 31st MAY, 1929, Both Days inclusive.

By Order of the Board of Directors, HERBERT B. STURT, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 25th Apr., 1929. [7714]

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held in the BOARD ROOM of Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., 22nd FLOOR, HONG KONG, on THURSDAY, 14th MAY, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, for the purpose of considering, and if thought fit, passing the proposed Extraordinary Resolution, viz.:

"That Mr. ARCHIBALD BITHCHIE, Chartered Accountant, of the Firm of Messrs. LOWE, BINGHAM & MATTHEWS, be appointed to act as the Liquidator of the Company in conjunction with Messrs. JARDINE, MATHESON & COMPANY, LIMITED, during the Absence from the Colony of Mr. JOHN FLEMING, C.A., one of the originally appointed Liquidators of the Company."

AND NOTICE IS HEREBY ALSO GIVEN that in pursuance of Section 187 (2) of the Companies Ordinance 1911, a GENERAL MEETING of the Company will be held at the same Place on TUESDAY, 14th MAY, at 12 O'CLOCK NOON, immediately after the Termination of the aforementioned Extraordinary General Meeting, for the purpose provided for in the said Section.

JARDINE, MATHESON & CO., LTD., JOHN FLEMING, C.A., Joint Liquidators.

Hong Kong, 6th May, 1929. [7747]

HONG KONG JOCKEY CLUB.

NOTICE.

THE HALF YEARLY GENERAL MEETING VOTING MEMBERS will be held in the JOCKEY CLUB ROOM, HONG KONG CLUB ANNEX, on FRIDAY, 17th MAY, 1929, at 5.10 P.M.

By Order,

C. B. BROWN, Secretary.

Hong Kong, 30th Apr., 1929. [7716]

THE CANTON INSURANCE OFFICE, LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE FORTY-EIGHTH ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS will be held at the Offices of the Undersigned on THURSDAY, 22nd MAY, 1929, at NOON, for the purpose of receiving the Report of the General Agents, together with a Statement of Accounts for the Year ended 31st DECEMBER, 1928.

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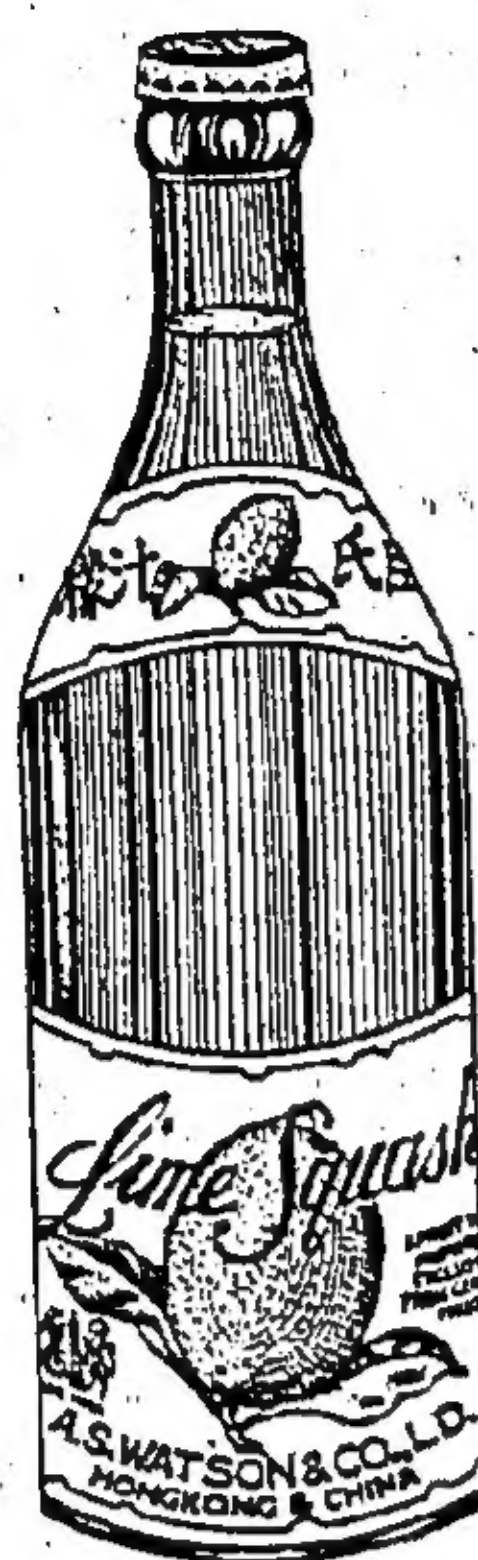
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By Order of the Court of Directors, A. C. HYNES, Chief Manager.

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WEATHER REPORT.

Yesterday's weather report, forecast and remarks, issued by the Royal Observatory at 6 p.m., stated:—

Pressure is highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan and the Bonins and relatively low over China generally. The depression over Tongking has deepened.

Local Forecast:—S.W. or variable winds, moderate, cloudy, misty, occasional rain.

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COMMERCIAL MORALITY IN HONG KONG.

Two months ago there was an interesting interlude at the annual meeting of the Hong Kong General Chamber of Commerce. The then Chairman made some very emphatic references to certain abuses alleged to exist in connection with the export trade of the Colony. He concluded his remarks with a very strong warning, addressed not only to Chinese dealers but to foreign export merchants also, to see that quality, packing and standards were maintained at a level that would do credit to Hong Kong and South China. His remarks were seconded by another head of a well-known firm, who hoped that the Chamber would find means of maintaining standards, as a short-sighted policy on the part of export merchants generally was a matter of grave concern. Another speaker, however, declared that the Chairman's observations were not compatible with the facts, and described his strictures as being entirely unwarranted. These criticisms of the original critic came from the then Chairman of the Export Sub-Committee—presumably a gentleman who is well-versed on the subject of the export trade of the port.

This curious conflict of opinion at a public meeting naturally attracted considerable attention at the time, and the issue was left to the incoming Committee for attention. In view of the very great importance of the matter, it is strange that nothing more has been heard of it. True, the Chamber of Commerce is a body which opens its proceedings to the general public only once a year, but surely this matter is not to be left where it is for another ten months, until the next annual general meeting? As things stand, the reputation of Hong Kong in regard to commercial morality is left under a cloud, and in the interests of the business community as a whole it is very desirable that the actual position should be made clear. Possibly it is already quite clear to some members of the community, but the fact remains that certain very serious allegations were made in public, and were publicly denied, and the controversy thus opened remains—so far as the general public is concerned—undecided. That the issue has not been disposed of in the same public manner as it was raised is calculated to create impressions abroad not favourable to the reputation of the Colony.

One of the matters which has been the subject of recent discussion is the adulteration of essential oils and wood-oil. So far as we have been able to ascertain, for several years past Hong Kong exporters all shipped cassia-oil of the same standard, and there was no question of adulteration raised anywhere or at any time. It was not until German synthetic oils appeared in American markets that trouble arose. Last year there was a dispute about the alleged presence of alcohol content in cassia-oil shipped from Hong Kong which led to local exporters coming to the unanimous agreement that business

in future would be done only on the understanding that nothing but the cinnamon content of the oil would be guaranteed, and that the Hong Kong certificate based on analysis of a sample must be considered final.

Ginger is another export commodity which has given trouble to those in the business. It has been said that friction arose last year owing to complaints from London that shipments were below standard, and also to Chinese dealers refusing to accept the decision of arbitrators in London when disputes arose about quality. To this assertion it is replied that last year's shipments of preserved ginger have been in the main satisfactory, but that Chinese dealers were greatly dissatisfied with the result of arbitrations conducted in London relating to the previous year's deliveries. Whether the grounds for this dissatisfaction with London awards are reasonable and justified we do not know; charges and counter-charges are here given without prejudice. It is just one more point which should be made clear to the public in the general interest.

The rice trade is still one more export line which has been publicly criticised. It has been alleged that lowering of the standard of packing as well as of the quality of rice have been the accepted rule among exporters, resulting in loss of prestige and of trade. Our own enquiries show that the Rice Guild of Hong Kong has declared local rice-merchants have never tried to deceive buyers in the matter of quality. Moreover, rice intended for export has been examined by the Chamber's Surveyor and certified to be satisfactory. Further, so far as methods of packing are concerned, we learn that good inner bags are now generally used by rice-merchants in place of the filthy gunnies used a couple of years ago.

Now all these matters are of very great interest to exporters and importers handling commodities shipped from this port, whether or not they be members of the local Chamber of Commerce. Allegations of a very serious and definite character were made publicly two months ago by the Chairman of that body. His statements were immediately challenged, and with the same publicity. Firms abroad interested in export business from Hong Kong will be expecting a statement either confirming or rebutting the charges made. It is due to the facts should of the port that the facts should be made known to the public. What is the truth of the matter? Were the strictures passed by the Chairman of the Chamber of Commerce warranted or not? Has subsequent investigation shown that the public protest made against them at the time was justified, or has that protest been proved to be unwarranted? Possibly these uncertainties have been all cleared up privately to the satisfaction of those immediately concerned, but the point is no public statement has been made to dispose finally of a controversy which was started in public. We have been informed that the Chamber of Commerce is preparing a statement for publication regarding its action and attitude in connection with the building of the Government Reservoir. This is a very serious matter, and one which very seriously affects the prestige of the whole mercantile community of the Colony.

News and Views.

Yesterday's rain, up to 4 p.m., amounted to 1.81 inches.

Three Chinese cases of smallpox were reported on Tuesday.

Quarantine restrictions have been imposed against arrivals from Bangkok on account of cholera.

Among the passengers arriving by the R.M.S. Empress of Asia yesterday morning from Japan and Northern ports were Mr. Roger Culver, Tredwell, Consul-General for the United States in Hong Kong, and Mrs. Tredwell, formerly Miss Metta Louise Orr, of St. John's, Newfoundland, and Boston. They were married on April 23 at the United States Embassy at Tokyo. Mr. and Mrs. Tredwell will stay at their home in Shek-O.

The four persons who were arrested on Monday last for possession of forged banknotes, were brought before Mr. E. W. Hamilton yesterday, when on the application of the Police a remand until this morning was granted. The defendants—three men and a woman—are charged with possession of 37 forged notes on the Bank of Communications, 19 on the Bank of China, 11 on the Ningpo Commercial Bank and two on the Chinese South Seas Bank.

The Bishop of Derby, in his first visitation address at the Cathedral recently, said that the sale of livings was a horrible thing. He had no desire to see private patronage abolished, but the acquisition of patronage by party trusts was different. There were instances in that diocese and elsewhere where livings had been purchased by groups of men "whose ecclesiastical views were opposed to those of the parishioners concerned. A person proposing to sell an advowson should be compelled to inform the bishop beforehand."

In connection with the retirement of Mr. M. H. Whitley, Attorney-General, Straits Settlements, it may not be generally known that the band of Junior Officers appointed to the F.M.S., of which Mr. Whitley was one, has now reached an irreducible minimum. The sole remaining Junior Officer not on the superannuation list is now Mr. E. A. Dickson, the greatly esteemed District Officer, Kinta. Mr. Dickson was the last nomination for the position of Junior Officer and it seems fitting that, in the gradual elimination, he should also have the distinction of being the survivor of a group of gentlemen whose record can bear favourable comparison with any other form or scheme of filling the responsible appointments of the Civil Service of the Colonies and Protectorates.

Home Talkies.

If you possess a gramophone, as most people do, and also a domestic cinema projector—as about 60,000 people do in England—it will be possible soon to have the film and the record synchronised by attaching a little patent apparatus to the projector. The result will be a home talkie. Alternatively, instead of taking the sound part from a gramophone, it may be possible, by arrangement with the B.B.C.—it is being officially considered,—to arrange what are called radiophone transmissions from the B.B.C. programmes of a play or a vaudeville turn and synchronise the efforts of the loud-speaker with a film specially prepared for the home projector. A demonstration of the working of this very interesting invention was given to a Fleet Street audience recently. What one saw, among other things, was a film of Teddy Brown, the xylophone expert, xylophoning while a gramophone, concealed behind the screen, kept perfect time with the picture. The attachment, the small box that does the synchronising, will cost about £5, and then you will need to buy the twin necessities, the record and the film. One notion is to have talking films made of one's relatives speaking like family for entertainment, and it is expected, if the thing catches on, that home talkie studios for taking these films will spring up throughout England. It will be possible also to hire miniature talkie films, just as one hires player-piano rolls. The invention is being commercialised, and it certainly appealed to one non-expert witness as a clever and quite simple affair and likely to attract people who are excited by the prospect of not only talks but talkies by the fireside.

Gambles on the Stock Exchange.

In the Stock Exchange there is no particular pride or satisfaction about the big Derby Sweepstake. There is, indeed, a great deal of gambling. Some of the big firms have felt it necessary to take 10,000 tickets for their clients, and this means, to begin with, 10,000 letters, and ensuing correspondence and financial arrangements. Some brokers retain one-quarter of each ticket and dispose of three-quarters, but the majority retain an eighth, but their connections without further interest. Tickets are only sold to members of the Stock Exchange, and the prizes will only be paid to members. The opportunity of acquiring a ticket in a lottery in which everything is above question is naturally a tremendous inducement to the ordinary man, who regards all Continental lotteries with suspicion. Last year, it is thought, no member of the Stock Exchange got any benefit whatever from the sweepstake. There is much talk this year among members about reducing as far as possible the most sensational which has clearly got out of control. However, the ultimate sum received for tickets, it is suggested that the first prize should be limited to £100,000, and in order to spread the prize it is suggested that all nominated horses as well as the horses actually entered for the race should be awarded prizes. Other schemes are being considered for spreading the awards over the largest possible number of ticket-holders. The Calcutta Sweep has now ceased to be of major interest for people who hope suddenly without working to change their position in life. Through this Derby Sweepstake the Stock Exchange, without any official warrant, has now become associated in the minds of the public not with the steady, hard-working routine of bulls and bears but with the most glittering prizes of chance, beside which the melodramatic coups of Monte Carlo are trifles.

"Popularising" Popular Songs.

Residents fond of acquiring the latest popular songs have made an interesting and profitable discovery. Many of the well-known ballads of the day, sold by local firms at 80 cents or more per copy, can be purchased in certain Chinese shops for 20 cents. "Sonny Boy," for instance, was purchased in this manner by a Daily Press representative, who was struck by the neat appearance of the printing. A Chinese translation is printed in red ink under the English words. The name of the New York publisher does not appear on the cover, but in Chinese characters is the name and address of a firm in Shanghai. It may be that there is no infringement of copyright, but it is difficult to reconcile the difference in the prices charged for the English and Chinese versions, bearing in mind the fact that the contents of the cover, with the exception of the addition of the Chinese translation, are identical. "Charmin," "Neapolitan Nights," "Ramona," "Because I Love You," "The Prisoner's Song," and "I Dream of Lilac Time" are a few of the popular songs available in these cheap Chinese editions.

John Bull Kicks!

The wrangling over reparations has provoked even patient old John Bull to make a protest. Last week Mr. Owen Young, Chairman of the Reparations Conference now sitting in Paris, drew up a scheme to overcome the deadlock which had been reached. Only the main heads of the Young scheme were revealed, and Reuter—in telling the glad tidings—said the sun appeared to be breaking through the clouds which had been hanging over the Conference. Now full details of Mr. Young's plan have been published, and the joke is on John Bull, as usual. The existing method of dividing Germany's payments is to be revised, and Britain's share is to be considerably decreased, while the share going to other nations will be proportionately increased. We are told the British delegation was amazed to learn what Mr. Young proposed to do, and well they might be. Fortunately, the effect of the shock was not so stunning as to make the British delegates brood of speech, and Sir Joseph Stamp immediately informed Mr. Young that his plan was unacceptable to far as Britain is concerned. The incident is a very unfortunate one, but will provide political orators of all parties with ample material for emphatic speeches during the election campaign.

To-day's Eclipse of the Sun.

At the moment of writing, there is every prospect of the sun being eclipsed this afternoon for a few brief minutes but, for many hours, so far as Hong Kong is concerned, if the clouds bring rain, however, we shall not grieve unduly at being denied the pleasure of watching an always interesting phenomenon. At the same time, we may hope that the various observation parties which have come out from Europe and America to the tropics will have the clearest of skies for their important work. The now well-known test of the Einstein theory as to the deflection of the light of stars has been applied at three previous total eclipses, and on each occasion the deflection predicted by the Einstein theory has, it is believed, taken place. On this occasion, however, so as to remove any possibility that error has crept in, the linear scale of the plates is to be accurately determined by photographing during the five minutes period of totality, not only the stars near the sun, but other stars some distance further away which ought to be uninfluenced by the gravitational field near the sun. The two star fields will be photographed several times alternately, and the photographs, it is expected, will settle once for all the truth of the relativity theory. The preparations for carrying out this decisive test are so thorough that it is not likely that any similar test will be necessary at future total eclipses. The track of the total phase across the earth will be over 100 miles wide and extend from a point a little southeast of Africa across the Indian Ocean, the Malay Archipelago, the South China Sea, to the Philippine Islands, and leave the east coast of the Philippines. In Hong Kong the eclipse is only partial, commencing just after two o'clock and continuing until about 4.30. The English scientists are stationed at Alor Star, in the Malay State of Kedah, and at Pattoni, on the east coast of Southern Siam. In addition, observations will be made by special instruments with a view to solving some problems of solar physics and theories of the constitution of matter. This work will consist of spectroscopic observations of the sun's spectrum near the ultra-violet and infra-red ends for the purpose of ascertaining the physical condition of the gaseous atmosphere of totality is long enough to make the members of the expedition very hopeful of their experiments. The totality at Giggleswick, Yorkshire, in 1927, was 22 seconds only, so that, given favourable weather conditions, and with the five minutes totality, the extra measures taken should yield results which all astronomers await with eagerness.

LATEST CANTON NEWS.

LAST NIGHT'S CLEANINGS.

Owing to the hold-up of the Canton-Kowloon Railway service, the three steamers, Taishan, Tung On and Kwong Sai, which arrived here from Canton last night, carried full numbers of passengers. It is stated that Madame Chan Chak and family arrived in Hong Kong by the afternoon steamer from Canton, while Admiral Chan Chak is said to have been a passenger on the s.s. Taishan. It is rumoured that he arrived under a nom de plume, and among the ordinary passengers.

Troop Activity.
Our representative interviewed the masters of the arriving steamers and learned that there is considerable troop movement in Canton. A coastal steamer was passed on her way up to Canton fully loaded with Chinese troops. The Central Bank was closed yesterday afternoon, following a continuous rush.

Some 2,000 troops were seen marching through the city yesterday but their destination was unknown.

Rumoured Desertion of Navy.
A further rumour states that the Canton Navy has refused to fight against Kwangsi, and that the entire fleet have deserted the Canton Government and joined forces with the Kwangsi Navy. A greater part of the Canton naval fleet were noticed at anchor in the back reach of the Canton river. This is not their usual anchorage. Mention is made of a purchasing price of \$1,000,000 having been paid for the ships and crews.

Capture of Whampoa?
One of the masters said he received definite information that the Kwangsi forces had taken possession of Whampoa. The master states that Whampoa was very quiet when he passed it on his trip down. Another skipper, however, remarked that he noticed the ferry service still in operation which, he thought, would not be so if the port had been taken.

PANIC IN CANTON.

FINANCIAL CHAOS REIGNS.

(Wah Tsai Yat Pao.)

CANTON, May 8.
On account of the military situation, there has been a run on the Central Bank during the last few days. The Central Bank has now stopped changing its banknotes, and a notification has been issued to this effect.

The value of the Central Bank note has been depreciated to half of its nominal value. All pawn-brokers' shops have been closed down on account of the financial crisis.

According to advices received by the Wah Tsai Yat Pao from Canton, all low-boats and small steam launches plying between Canton and the country districts have stopped sailing fearing they will be commandeered.

DISPUTED SILICA DEPOSIT.

ACTION BY CANTON GOVERNMENT.

The long drawn out litigation in connection with the ownership and rights to the Pak Sah To sand field, waged between the original owners, the Chang family, and other interested parties have been settled, the Canton Government having given the Chang family full administration. This silica deposit, situated in Wei Chow, was originally purchased by the late Mr. Chang But See, a wealthy merchant. Unfortunately other interested parties assumed this deposit was government owned, and recently competed for the exploitation of it.

The Construction Department of the Canton Government dispatched experts to the spot to make the necessary investigations, and the area has been found to agree with the measurements given in the original title-deed. After careful investigation the Canton Government arrived at the decision that this property belonged to the late Chang But See, and further acknowledged that it is an enterprise promoted by an overseas Chinese merchant.

A sum of over a million dollars have already been expended on this deposit and adjoining glass works, but no tangible returns have yet been registered. Of late years this place has been ravaged by bandits and work had to be suspended.

In view of the many difficulties, the Canton Government has agreed to give the owners protection and assistance so that work may be commenced without delay. All claims to this property have been cancelled, and the authorities have instructed the military to give the necessary protection. This property will henceforth be administered by the executors of the Chang family.

**BRITISH SAILOR
KILLED.****YANGTZE MURDER.****MEMBER OF TERN'S
CREW.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HANKOW, May 8.
Telegraphist J. H. Snow, of H.M.S. Tern, was stabbed to death when ashore at Shasi on Sunday last. No details are available.
The body was later recovered by the Chinese police, and handed over to the Tern for burial.

**FENG AND CHIANG KAI
SHEK.****SIGNIFICANT MOVES BY
NANKING.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SHANGHAI, May 8.
Chinese leaders in both camps continue to asseverate that most friendly relations continue between Chiang Kai Shek and Feng Yu Hsiang, but nevertheless the National Government officials have received instructions to detain all munitions and military supplies, even iron and steel, intended for Feng Yu Hsiang.

A circular order has also been issued cancelling all permits for the import of munitions, issued by Feng.

LEAVING SHANTUNG.**JAPANESE OFFICIAL
PROGRAMME.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, May 8.
The evacuation of Shantung is officially fixed to commence on May 11. The headquarters of the Third Division leave Tsingtao on May 12, sailing from Tsingtao on the 20th.
Aircraft attached to the garrison leave Tsingtao on May 12, and will fly to Japan via Korea, in two stages.

**A CUSTOMS FAMINE
SURTAX.****NANKING PLANNING FOR
FUND OF \$5,000,000.**

Nanking.—To meet the urgent demand for funds for immediate relief of the famine-stricken areas in Northwestern China, the Executive Yuan has instructed the Ministries of Foreign Affairs and Finance jointly to consider and devise appropriate procedure for the levying of a Customs surtax.

That a reserve fund of \$5,000,000 annually should be set aside for famine relief purposes is also part of the policy of the Executive Yuan. The Ministry of Finance is to be instructed to devise means for the regular appropriation of this sum in the annual budget of the National Government.—Xuo Min.

**MISSIONARY'S DEATH IN
SUAIYUAN.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PEKING, May 8.
The China International Famine Relief Committee report the death of Mr. K. F. G. Petersen from typhus, at Saratzi, Suaiyuan (Shensi).
Mr. Petersen belonged to the Swedish Alliance of the China Inland Mission, and was directing grain distribution in Suaiyuan when he was stricken.

**CENTRAL POLITICAL
COUNCIL.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

NANKING, May 8.
The newly-elected Central Political Council held its first meeting this morning.
Chiang Kai Shek was elected chairman.

**BOY SCOUTS IN
JAPAN.****A PRINCE'S INTEREST.****FLAGS FOR AUSTRALIAN
COMRADES.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

TOKYO, May 8.
Returning the compliment of the Duke of Gloucester, who presented an Australian flag to Japanese Boy Scouts, Prince Takamatsu, in a short but impressive ceremony, during which a Boy Scout band played the British and Japanese National Anthems, this afternoon handed over two flags to Sir Thomas Coombe, Chief Scout of Australia, for presentation to the Australian Scouts.

Interest attached the ceremony because of the fact that a new precedent is thus set, as no Imperial Prince has hitherto taken a direct interest in the Scout movement.

The Duke's Busy Day.

After a strenuous round of official entertainments since his arrival, Prince Henry, despite the rain, spent the morning and afternoon riding and golfing with Princes Asaka, Konohe, Higashikuni, and others.

He lunched informally at the Komazawa Golf Club, together with about thirty members. This evening he is giving a banquet to Japanese notables in the Kasumigaseki Palace, to return their hospitality, after which he will attend a ball at the British Embassy.

AFGHANISTAN.**BACHAI SAKAO'S VICTORY.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SIMLA, May 8.
A notable victory for Bachai Saka is claimed by Abdur Rahim's capture of the town of Herat in north-west Afghanistan.

On the contrary, however, Chulani Nahi, the Afghan ex-Minister to Moscow on behalf of Amanullah holds Mazariharat, from where Abdur Rahim's famous march on Herat began.

**RUBBER COMBINE FALLS
THROUGH.****STRONG OPPOSITION.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

SINGAPORE, May 8.
The Allenby Rubber Amalgamation Scheme has been abandoned, owing to the probable opposition amounting to 150,000 votes.
[The proposed amalgamation would have combined the Allenby, Belgonia, Conemara, and Kundong Rubber Companies, under the name of Conemara United, Ltd. The total acreage under control of these companies is 6,500.]

**REPORT ON BARDOLI
AFFAIR.****ASSESSMENTS TO BE
MODIFIED.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, May 7.
The serious affair in the Bardoli district in July last year when the peasants entered upon a No Tax Strike, which they were only persuaded to drop when the Governor of Bombay promised to appoint a committee of enquiry to consider their grievances, is recalled by the issue to-day of the report of the committee.

The report declares that statistics made available regarding rental and sale have been proved to have been carefully compiled. The Committee regarded them as completely unreliable, while they are also of opinion that the estimates of agricultural profits, upon which the assessments were largely based, were unduly high.

The Bombay Government, in authorising the publication of the Report, has also issued a statement promising to take steps to give effect to the Committee's recommendations, as well as the grouping of the villages, forthwith.

**LEEVEE HELD BY THE
PRINCE.****A BRILLIANT FUNCTION.****DEPUTISING FOR THE
KING.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 7.
Many thousands of people watched the Prince of Wales drive in state from Buckingham Palace to Saint James Palace to-day to hold a levee on behalf of the King.

The Prince rode in a closed State landau drawn by four horses. The coachmen and footmen wore the brilliant scarlet and gold uniform of State occasions. The major part of the sovereign's escort of the Royal Life Guards followed the Prince and carried the Prince's colours.

As the Prince drove into Saint James Palace the band and guards from the second battalion Scots Guards played the royal salute.

The Prince, who wore the full dress uniform of Colonel of the Welch Guards, was conducted to his place on the dais in the throne room where he found awaiting him the Duke of York, in Air Force uniform, Prince George, in the uniform of a naval Lieutenant and Prince Arthur of Connaught.

Long lines of those to be presented moved in ranks of four slowly forward until just below the throne dais. Each guest was announced as he came opposite the Prince, made his bow, and passed on. There were nearly 1,000 presentations.

BOMBAY STRIKE.**BREAKDOWN OF THE
CONFERENCE.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BOMBAY, May 7.
Maj.-General Sir Frederick Sykes, (Governor of Bombay) has called a Round-Table Conference to deal with the textile strike.

The Millowners' Association states that the situation has improved and that 35,000 operatives are now employed.
On the contrary, the Textile Trade Union claims that the strike is extending.

It is understood that the Round-Table Conference has broken down. The Governor is reported to have informed the conference that the Trade Disputes Act will be enforced to-morrow.
This means that the dispute will immediately be submitted to the Conciliation Board, the decision of which is binding on both parties.

Official Gazette.

SIMLA, May 8.
A Gazette Extraordinary announces that the Trades Disputes Act will be enforced immediately.

Riots Amongst Mohals.
The Mohals in South India, who were responsible for a serious rebellion in 1921, figured yesterday in a conflict with Hindus. Several were seriously wounded. The police fired and killed one Mohal, and subsequently charged the crowds with bayonets and swords.

**BERLIN SHOOTING
SEQUEL.****PROTEST MADE BY
TRADESMEN.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

BERLIN, May 7.
Shopkeepers in the Wedding district are combining to make a claim against the police for compensation and damages caused through loss of trade during the recent riots.

The representatives of the shopkeepers declare that the streets were no longer dangerous from the Communists.
Post-mortems have been performed on seventeen of the twenty-four victims of the rioting, and the examination has disclosed that all of them were killed by police bullets.

Incidentally, the enquiry has not established that any civilian fired a single shot against the police.

**ST. STEPHEN'S GIRLS' COL-
LEGE AND FAIRLEA
SCHOOL.**

Recently the staff and students gave a Concert in behalf of the N. China Famine Relief Fund. Thanks to the generosity of the many friends who bought tickets and gave donations, a cheque of \$1,532 was sent to the Fund.

**BRITISH PLAYER'S
GREAT GOLF.****BREAKS COURSE RECORD
IN "OPEN."****AMERICANS GOING
STRONG.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

LONDON, May 8.
"Can Mitchell at last capture the 'Open Title'?" was a query echoed by several thousands, most of whom rushed to watch him when the news of his great golf spread.

As soon as the crowd arrived Mitchell took seven at the ninth, including three putts from ten yards.

However, he came again with some tremendous wooden club play and led the early field. Scores were: Mitchell 72, Sarazen 73, Golden 74, Taggart (Wilmslow) 75, Horton Smith 76, Reg Whitcombe 77, Robson 78, Von Elm 79.

Allis' Fine Round.

MURKIN, Later.
P. Allis made a course record with a round of 69; Diegel had 71, and Jolly 73, MacDonald Smith 73, and Jurado 77.

109 Players Quality.

LONDON, May 7.
As the American challenge in the Open Championship became threatening a trio of the famous British players came in at 4.10 p.m. with encouraging cards, including that of Reg. Whitcombe, who tied with Tolley for second place.

One hundred and nine players will go out for the Competition Proper which is over 72 holes (stroke play).

The full list of qualifiers is not to hand, but appended are the names and scores of the first twenty-one players in the list:—

Leo Diegel (U.S.A.)	74-70=144
R. Cruikshank (U.S.A.)	73-74=147
Cyril Tolley (Liverpool)	75-75=150
R. Whitcombe (Parkstone)	73-77=150
T. Whiting (Royal St. George)	74-77=151
G. Dunlop (unattached)	75-75=151
C. Von Elm (U.S.A.)	73-78=151
T. P. Perkins (Castle Brom)	76-74=152
A. Compton (Coombe Hill)	75-77=152
A. Watrous (U.S.A.)	77-75=152
Abe Mitchell (private)	75-78=153
T. H. Cotton (Langley Park)	76-74=153
A. Nolan (Port Mar-nock)	76-77=153
Jose Jurado (Argentine)	76-77=153
A. Boomer (St. Cloud, Paris)	75-78=153
A. Havers (unattached)	81-72=153
Dunham (Bass Rock)	78-75=153
Lacey (Selsdon Park)	78-75=153
Bert Hodson (Newport)	77-78=154
Horton Smith (U.S.A.)	78-76=154
Walter Hagen (U.S.A.)	75-79=154

Included in the remaining 88 players who qualified for the competition proper, are:—
W. Melhorn (U.S.A.) 79-78=157
T. Armour (U.S.A.) 79-78=155
Golden (U.S.A.) 79-77=156
Macdonald, Smith (U.S.A.) 79-77=156
Gene Sarazen (U.S.A.) 81-75=156
Alex Hard (Moor Park) 79-78=157
E. Ray (Oxhey) 80-78=158
E. Turnesa (U.S.A.) 79-81=160
Jim Barnes (U.S.A.) 82-78=160
J. Farrell (U.S.A.) 80-81=161
Espinoza (U.S.A.) 80-81=161

Among the leading players who failed to qualify for the competition proper are:—
E. Whitcombe 84-80=164
J. Brad 82-81=163
G. Gadd (Rochampton) 83-82=163

Three of the second-line Americans, including Stiles and Kyle, who did not return a card to-day, failed to qualify.

DELHI BOMB OUTRAGE.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

DELHI, May 7.
Shooting "Down" With Imperialism, and "Long Live Revolution," Bhagi Singh and Butnaks Shara Dutt entered the Court Room in answer to charges that they were responsible for the recent bomb outrage in the Indian Assembly.

Their defiant demeanour was damped by the magisterial order that they be handcuffed.

The approaches to the jail, where the Court was sitting, were closely guarded, only the father of one of the prisoners and six pressmen being admitted, after a careful search.

The evidence of the prosecution tended to prove the guilt of the accused.

**REPARATIONS
REVISION.****AN AMAZING "PLAN."****BRITAIN SINGLED OUT
AS VICTIM.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

PARIS, May 7.
The plan advanced by Mr. Owen D. Young, the principal American delegate and the chairman of the Committee of Experts on Reparations, as a compromise scheme for the settlement of the deadlock, has been issued for publication.

It is revealed that Great Britain is the proposed financial victim of the scheme, though the British delegates have already indicated that they will object to it.

The plan involves a revision of the percentages of the German payments to each creditor as fixed at the Spa Conference, and the working of the suggested revision is that Britain's share (23 per cent) with the Dominions shall be considerably decreased and the difference transferred to the other creditor countries.

The British delegation was amazed at the discovery of Mr. Young's precise method of settling the deadlock, of which he had not given the slightest inkling.

Sir Josiah Stamp, the principal British delegate, immediately informed Mr. Young that the plan would be completely unacceptable to Britain.

The British Government holds that the revision of the Spa percentages is quite outside the competence of the present Conference.

France's "I Told You So."

PARIS, May 8.
Newspapers here concede Britain a reason for dissatisfaction over Mr. Young's Reparations plan which, according to the *Echo de Paris* allots Britain 1,000 million marks whereas she asked for 3,800 millions; but the paper goes on to ask why she previously did not join the French delegate in "administering a lesson to the debtor" and sending back Dr. Schacht on April 16 to the Dawes scheme.

The *Petit Parisien* points out that Britain's share of the Reparations under the new scheme is so reduced that there is practically nothing left for the back debt payments to the United States, or for the Dominions.

German Figures.

BERLIN, May 8.
The latest figures of the Agent-General for Reparations show that the British Empire received 44 million marks last month, and 329 millions in the past eight months.

France received 160 millions and 742 millions respectively. The bulk of this latter is represented by deliveries in kind. Germany's payments totalled 300 millions and 1,413 millions of marks respectively.

**ELECTRIFICATION IN
BRITAIN.****AMBITIOUS SCHEMES.**

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

LONDON, May 7.
Schemes of the Electricity Commissioners for the supply of electricity in bulk, which have actually been adopted by the Central Electricity Board, set up under the "Electricity Supply Act of 1926," cover 52 per cent of the country's total area and nearly 75 per cent of the population.

By means of the Grid system of main transmission cheap electricity will be available in practically every part of Great Britain.

**COLOURED CADETS IN
AMERICA.****AN INNOVATION.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, May 7.
Mr. De Priest, a member of the House of Representatives, who is the only coloured man in Congress, has nominated from his district in Chicago two negro boys to take the examination at the Annapolis Naval Academy.

Another negro will take the examination at the West Point Military Academy.

This is the first time for many years in which negroes have been nominated for these Academies.

**AMERICA'S NEW
TARIFFS.****OPPOSITION FROM
DEMOCRATS.****MANY INCREASES.**

[REUTER'S AMERICAN SERVICE.]

WASHINGTON, May 7.
Substantial increases are proposed in the new Republican Tariff Revision Bill, which has been introduced in the House of Representatives.

The changes include the following:—

An increase of 0.8 of a cent per lb. on raw sugar, excepting Cuban, which will be 0.64 of a cent per lb.
An increase of 1.11 cent per lb. on refined sugar, except Cuban, which will be 0.89 of a cent.

Long staple cotton will remain on the free list.

Raw wool (raw content) imports will be increased three cents per lb.

The rate of brown rice will be 1 1/2 cents per lb., instead of 1 1/4 cents.

The rates on partially manufactured silk and silk voils will remain unaltered.

Rates On Cotton Yarns.

The proposed new rate for unbleached cotton yarn, of numbers not exceeding 60's, will be five per cent *ad valorem* and additionally three-tenths of one per cent for each number.

Cotton yarn of numbers exceeding 60 will carry a rate of 32 per cent *ad valorem*.

The rate on bleached cotton, of numbers not exceeding 90's, will be 10 per cent *ad valorem*, and additionally for each number three-tenths of one per cent.

For cotton yarn (bleached), of yarn exceeding 90's, the rate will be 37 per cent *ad valorem*.

The rates on cotton cloth range from 10 to 18 per cent *ad valorem*, with percentage additions for each number whereby the yarns composing the cloth exceed 90.

It is proposed to retain the 25 per cent duty on motor cars, with an additional duty to 50 per cent in the case of countries, like Britain, which imposed over 25 per cent duties on American cars.

The Bill will be referred back to the Ways and Means Committee for approval. The majority of the members of this Committee are likely to adopt the Bill, notwithstanding Democrat protests.

THE OUTRAGE IN KOVNO.**ANOTHER VICTIM.**

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

KOVNO, May 7.
The Premier of Lithuania's stepson, who is ten years of age, but had accompanied M. Valdemaras to the theatre, received ten wounds in the intestines from a single bullet, during the recent outrage, but an operation immediately performed was proved successful.

The Premier's adopted son, seven years of age, received still more serious wounds, and he passed away to-day.

The young girl who was his sister suffered only slight wounds.

"BOOTLEGGING" BARONET.**NOW PRACTICALLY
PENILESS.**

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

Lady Hartwell, wife of Sir Brodrick Hartwell formerly known as the "bootlegging baronet," has just admitted in court that she and her husband are practically penniless and are not able to pay the £29 coal and coke bill for which she was hauled before the justices of Reading.

When written to for the collection of the bill, Lady Hartwell replied that she could not pay owing to losses in her business, adding that her husband was earning only a small and uncertain salary.

Some four years ago Sir Brodrick obtained the title of "bootlegging baronet" because of his plan to sell shares of stock in a rum-running organization.

FOUR SQUARE GOSPEL.

About 10,000 people attended the fourth annual demonstration of the Four Square Gospel Movement at the Albert Hall, London, some waiting from 7 a.m. until the doors opened in the early afternoon. There were scenes of religious fervour, and when Pastor George Jeffreys asked for converts 20 persons held up their hands, and 68 testified that they had been cured of cancer and crippling diseases.

Telegrams in Brief.

The Australians Flt.-Lieut. Moir and Flt.-Officer Green have landed at Dundum. They left England on March 19, in an attempt to fly to Australia in 19 days.

The Bolton Master Cotton Spinners Association has decided that organised short-time working in the Egyptian yarns section of the Lancashire spinning industry shall cease at once. Organised short-time to the extent of 33 1/3 per cent. has been enforced for the past three months, and stocks have now been reduced to reasonable size.

The Royal Belgian Lloyd will begin in August a new monthly service between Antwerp and the Far East.

Among the new features in this year's Royal Military Tournament, which opens at Olympia, will be a display by the Royal Tank Corps, who participate for the first time, and by the marine buglers and light infantry. The Tournament, which is one of most picturesque "annuals" in London, is held in aid of Service charities. The Queen will attend the opening performance.

The Secretary to the Ministry of Labour states that on April 28 there were on the registers of the Labour Exchanges a total of 1,163,900 unemployed. This total was 50,778 more than the week before. Comprising this total were 907,100 men and 30,400 girls.

It is announced by Mr. L. S. M. Amery (Dominion Secretary) that Northumberland will be the name of one of the cruisers to be built under the 1928 programme.

BRITAIN'S MILLIONAIRES.**THEIR VALUE TO THE
REVENUE.**

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

America is sometimes called the "land of millionaires," yet England, it would seem, better qualifies for this title. There are, at the present time, between five hundred and six hundred millionaires in Great Britain, according to the report of the commissioners of inland revenue for the year ending March 31, 1929.

When it is realised that these people are millionaires in sterling, it is also realised that they are worth five times as much in dollars.

Millionaires, from the British income tax officials' point of view, are people in receipt of an income of more than £20,000 (£250,000 a year. Assuming the average yield of capital to be 5 per cent, each of these must be worth at least \$5,000,000.

Steady Increase.
In 1909 there were only 19 millionaires in Great Britain. Their number has increased steadily until the peak total of 584 in 1927, which showed the effects of the post-war trade boom. Last year there were 563 millionaires in the country, and this year the number is believed to be slightly lower. This falling off is undoubtedly due to the effect of the trade depression following the coal strike.

Nevertheless, the commissioners' report shows a reduction in the national income. The gross income was estimated at \$14,530,000,000, the lowest since 1918-19. This was reduced by exemptions and allowances to \$6,500,000,000. The net produce was \$1,140,000,000, an average of 23.58d. on each £1 of actual income, the lowest for the last ten years.

The report shows that 288 people are in receipt of income between \$250,000 and \$375,000 a year. Their total assessed incomes are \$90,468,915. There are also 97 people with incomes between \$375,000 and \$500,000, and 147 with incomes exceeding \$500,000.

**ANOTHER TORNADO IN
ARKANSAS.**

Little Rock, Ark.—A number of persons are reported to have been killed and several injured in a May Day cyclone which swept northern Arkansas and south-western Missouri.

The tornado demolished many buildings in towns and villages of several counties in the two states.

TENNIS NOTES.

Rain interfered with the opening of the League season on Saturday, the programme for which, with the exception of one match, had to be postponed. Tennis players of the various Clubs showed keen disappointment, as they had looked forward eagerly to the opening matches with great interest. Still, it has not cast a wet blanket on the players, and the matches for next Saturday are now awaited with enthusiasm.

The only match decided was that between South China Athletic Association and Kowloon Cricket Club in the Senior Division on the former's courts at King's Park, where the ground did not prove too wet to justify a postponement. It resulted, as generally expected, in a win for Kowloon who have thus drawn first blood in the "A" Division. A win by 3 sets to 1 seems to be an easy match for Kowloon, but the run of play was more close than the result would indicate.

It was South China's initial match in the "A" Division and they were unfortunate in being up against a first League side of more than twenty years' standing, and past champions to boot. They put up a plucky performance on the whole and, with more experience this season, they should be able to do better in the future.

Whilst on the subject, an announcement has been made that the official opening of South China's Pavilion and courts at King's Park will take place on Sunday afternoon at 3. Their Pavilion has just been completed and a sort of "At Home," to which a general invitation has been issued, will mark the occasion. Lady Shou-sun Chow has kindly consented to perform the opening ceremony and Sir Shou-sun Chow and many prominent members of both the Chinese and foreign communities are expected to be present.

South China's activities on the field of sport are indeed great locally and along the coast, but the grounds at King's Park are specially devoted to lawn tennis. It is therefore fitting that an exhibition match should be one of the features of the programme. In this connection four well-known players are expected to take part. Probably H. D. Rumball and S. A. Rumball, Doubles Champions of the Colony for five years, will play Ng Sze Kwong and Ho Ka Lau, two of the best of the Association's players, in a doubles match.

News has come to hand that Khoo Hooi Hye is expected here by the s.s. Angers about the end of the month. Most players are familiar with the name. He is undoubtedly one of the most prominent Chinese players at present and has a very good record. Khoo has been Singles Champion of Singapore for several years and also of Malaya. One of China's representatives at the last Far Eastern Olympiad at Shanghai, he and Lum Po Wah defeated the Japanese and Filipinos. He has also been in action at Wimbledon, and although he did not get much ice there, has acquired by his experience there a very good knowledge of the finer points of the game. At present he is in Saigon on business and it is hoped to stage a few exhibition matches at the Chinese Recreation Club during his visit.

THE DAVIS CUP.

EGYPT BEAT FINLAND.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

HELSINGFORS, May 7.

In the first round of the Davis Cup Competition, Egypt defeated Finland by four matches to one.

The winners now meet Holland in the second round.

DERBY FAVOURITE.

UNPLACED IN THE GREENHAM PLATE RACE.

LATEST BETTING.

The re-appearance of the Derby favourite, H.H. the Aga Khan's Costaki Pasha (9.4), in the Greenham Plate showed that he has wintered well, but lacked training as, after running close behind the winner, he faded out three furlongs from home.

The race resulted as follows:
Sidonia (8.2) 1
Modder (8.13) 2
Empire Builder (9.4) 3
Sixteen ran; won by one length, four lengths separating second and third.

The betting was: 20 to 1, 10 to 1 and 7 to 2.

Derby Betting.

The list of prominent bookmakers of the Victoria and Reaumont clubs give the following Derby quotations:
7 to 1 against Costaki Pasha.
9 to 1 against Brien.
10 to 1 against Gay Day and Mister Jinks.
12 to 1 against Cragadour.
14 to 1 against Reedmouth.
16 to 1 against Rattlin' the Reeler and Reflector.
20 to 1 against Bosworth, Bulwark and Kopl.
25 to 1 and upwards the others.

Mr. Jinks Favourite.

Betting on the Course at Newmarket on the Derby (tax free) was:
Mr. Jinks 0-1, Brien 10-1, Costaki Pasha and Cragadour 100-9, Reflector and Reedmouth 100-7, Gay Day and Rattlin' the Reeler 100-6, Kopl 15-1, Bulwark and Bosworth 20-1, Empire Builder and Grand Terrace 25-1.

WAH YAN COLLEGE SPORTS.

ATHLETES UNDISMAYED BY RAIN.

CHAMPION'S FINE FORM.

The athletes of Wah Yan College took little notice of the rain yesterday when they held their fourth annual athletic meeting at Caroline Hill.

There were thirty events on the programme and, with the exception of the tug-of-war, which was impossible owing to the slippery state of the ground, all events were carried out on time and some very good performances resulted, thanks to the efforts of the organiser, Mr. A. J. Maurice.

The school's senior championship was won by Fung Kwok Wah who won all the running events from 100 yards to one mile. The condition of the track was against good times and no records were lowered.

The Results.

The results were:
100 Yards (Senior).—1, Fung Kwok Wah; 2, Jim Wong. Time: 11 secs.

100 Yards (Junior).—1, Fung Wing Pui; 2, Ho Po Kwong. Time: 12.4-5 secs.

220 Yards (Senior).—1, Fung Kwok Wah; 2, Chan Kam Wai. Time: 23.1-5 secs.

220 Yards (Junior).—1, Tsang Hui Ho; 2, Fung Wing Pui. Time: 30 secs.

100 Yards (Small Boys).—1, Chuen Wah Fai; 2, Thus Au Cheung.

440 Yards (Senior).—1, Fung Kwok Wah; 2, Li Chuen Sum. Time: 58 secs.

440 Yards (Junior).—1, Lam Tin Tong; 2, Chung Chan Fai. Time: 66.1-5 secs.

150 Yards Handicap.—1, George Lay; 2, Chow Chan Lum.

Senior Championship Long Jump.—1, Chan Kam Wai; 2, Boon Yau Sang.

Obstacle Race.—1, Jim Wong; 2, Lee Chuen Sum.

Sack Race.—1, Shuen Cho Wa; 2, George Lay.

Two Miles Bicycle Race.—1, Luk Man Sum; 2, Ho Shu Kwong.

Putting the Weight.—1, Chan Yew Ho; 2, Fung Kwok Wah.

Three-Legged Race.—1, Jim Wong and Li Chuen Lum; 2, Lam Ping Tong and Pang Kui Ying.

Hurdle Race (Senior).—1, Boon Yau Sang; 2, Fung Kwok Wah.

High Jump.—1, Chan Kam Wai; 2, Fung Kwok Wah.

Inter-School Relay Race.—1, St. Paul's College.

Scouts Race.—1, Troop Leader A. Hunt; 2, P. Kwong (1st Troop).

Half Mile Race.—1, Fung Kwok Wah; 2, Lam Yin.

Old Boys Race.—1, E. Chan; 2, Leung Kam Kwong.

Pole Vault.—1, Bun Yun Sang; 2, Lee Chuen Sum.

220 Yards (open to S.C.A.A.).—1, Chan Yu Tin; 2, Tang Yan Sang.

One Mile.—1, Fung Kwok Wah; 2, Lam Yin.

Teachers' Race.—1, Wong Yuk Sui; 2, E. Zimmerman.

Committee Race.—1, J. Gilchrist; 2, Jerome Lau.

Consolation Race.—1, Lam Tai Cheong; 2, Kwok Tai Cheung.

Inter-Class Relay Race.—Class 1.

AFTER BRITISH TURF HONOURS.

AUSTRALIA'S CHAMPION.

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

Following the arrival of Reigh Count, the turf champion of the United States, comes the news of the shipment to England of Australia's champion, Strephon, winner of the Victoria Derby.

This chestnut colt is a son of Saltash, who sensationally won the 1923 Eclipse Stakes at Sandown Park carrying the colours of Lord Astor to victory at 20 to 1, beating his stable companion, Bold and Bad, who started a hot favourite at 7 to 4.

Mr. Sol Green, the owner of Strephon, recently offered his animal for sale in Sydney, but the highest bid for the colt was £2,100, therefore the owner withdrew the horse and decided to ship him to England immediately to compete with Britain's turf champion.

Strephon, in addition to winning the Victoria Derby, finished second in the £10,000 Melbourne Cup this year, beaten four lengths by Statesman, who completed the two miles in 3 minutes 23.4 seconds. In the Victoria Derby, Strephon covered the mile and a half in 2 minutes 33 seconds. This colt out of Soldier's Love, has won his last nine races in Australia, and British turf fans are hoping he will arrive in time to be pitted against Reigh Count and the pick of the British horses.

HOME CRICKET.

HAMMOND'S FINE START.

GOOD SOUTH AFRICAN BATTING.

[THROUGH REUTER'S AGENCY.]

London, May 7.

Rain interrupted the cricket matches all over the country yesterday one match being abandoned and four others drawn.

Yorkshire v. M.C.C.

Yorkshire—339 for five wickets. Rain compelled the abandonment of this fixture.

Oldroyd scored 147 runs.

Surrey v. Hampshire.

Surrey—400 for 6 wickets declared. Hampshire—147 for 5 wickets. Drawn.

For Surrey Hobbs scored 134 and Ducat 171.

Gloucester v. Warwick.

Gloucestershire—493 for 5 wickets declared. Warwickshire—295 and 78 for no wicket.

Gloucestershire won on the first innings.

Batting for Gloucester Hammond scored 238 not out.

On the other side, in the first innings, Smith scored 109.

Lancashire v. Northants.

Lancashire—230. Northants—192. Lancashire won on the first innings.

Bowling for Lancashire R. Tyldesley took seven wickets for 31 runs.

South Africa v. Leicester.

Leicestershire—208 and 191 for seven wickets.

South Africa—334 for eight wickets, declared.

The match was drawn.

For the visitors Siedle scored 169 not out.

Oxford U. v. Kent.

Kent—237 and 128 for two wickets. Oxford—148.

The match was drawn.

Bowling for Oxford in Kent's first innings Hill-Wood took five wickets for 78 runs.

Notts v. Sussex.

Notts—299 and 147 for two wickets.

Sussex—148 and 168 for seven wickets.

In Notts's first innings Gunn scored 109 runs. Tate took six wickets for 60 runs.

Notts won on the first innings.

FOOTBALL BOOTS AS A WEDDING MASCOT.

PLAYER AS GROOM AT DOUBLE CEREMONY.

A pair of football boots and an old red and white jersey, the colours of the Stoke City Football Club, were the unusual mascots which adorned the car which conveyed Harry Davies, the Stoke forward, and his bride, Miss Mary A. Latham, from the Roman Catholic Church, Stoke, after their wedding recently.

It was a double event, the bride's sister, Miss Alice Priscilla Latham, being married at the same time to Police Constable James Stonehouse, of the Staffordshire County Constabulary, stationed at Silverdale.

The two girls are the daughters of Mr. and Mrs. H. W. Latham, of Brighton Street, Penkull, Stoke-on-Trent.

The Stoke City players were among the crowded congregation. Mr. Peter Jackson, the City's reserve centre half-back, acted as one of the groomsmen.

ETHICS OF BIGAMY.

WOMAN'S IS THE LESSER OFFENCE.

"Nowadays there is supposed to be no difference in criminality between man and woman in bigamy cases," said Mr. Justice Shearman at Liverpool Assizes recently when he sentenced Ethel Taylor, aged 31, a Fleetwood waitress, to 21 days' imprisonment for bigamy. "It always seems to me, as an old-fashioned person, that if a man meets a woman who is well behaved and of proper character and represents himself to be a bachelor, bigamy is a species of seduction. I do not think there is the same grievance when a woman represents herself as a widow and goes through a bigamous marriage. There is not the same loss of character to a man as there is to a woman."

SHANGHAI RACES.

"CHAMPIONS" RESULT AND SWEEPSTAKE WINNERS.

The following are the results of yesterday's Shanghai races:

Race 1.—The Yangtze Cup.

New Zealand.....(Mr. Dallas) 1
Veterock.....(Mr. Sokoloff) 2
Sahara.....(Mr. Bowling) 3
Time: 2mins. 13.4-5secs.

2.—The Kiangsu Cup.

Meadowgreen.....(Mr. Judah) 1
Victory Eve.....(Mr. Encarnacao) 2
Howcroft.....(Mr. Maitland) 3
Time: 4mins. 41.3-5secs.

3.—The Racing Stakes.

Kilmory.....(Mr. Needa) 1
Castle Diamond.....(Mr. Springfield) 2
John Willy.....(Mr. Wells-Henderson) 3
Time: 2mins. 15.2-5secs.

3.—The Rubicon Plate.

Bright Lad.....(Mr. Collaco) 1
Lysander.....(Mr. Maitland) 2
Time: 2mins. 49.1-5secs.

5.—The Great Northern Handicap.

Daredevil.....(Mr. Dallas) 1
Purple Diamond.....(Mr. Brand) 2
Michigan.....(Mr. McCann) 3
Time: 2mins. 12.4-5secs.

6.—The Chefoo Handicap "A" Class.

Westernfield.....(Mr. Hill) 1
Wikiwiki.....(Mr. Harris) 2
Rafferty.....(Mr. Jack) 3
Time: 3mins. 34.1-5secs.

7.—The Chefoo Handicap "B" Class.

Saracen.....(Mr. Collaco) 1
Forty-six.....(Mr. Bott) 2
Skinny.....(Mr. Bauld) 3
Time: 2mins. 49.4-5secs.

8.—The Ningpo Cup.

Mongol Boy.....(Mr. Judah) 1
Sparkhill.....(Mr. Needa) 2
Copper.....(Mr. Harris) 3
Time: 2mins. 49.4-5secs.

9.—The "Shalor" Challenge Cup.

(Presented by Officers of the British Defence Forces, 1927) and the Champion Sweepstakes.

Pat.....(Mr. Collaco) 1
Wheatcroft.....(Mr. Brand) 2
Poppyland.....(Mr. Dallas) 3
Time: 2mins. 4.3-5secs.

10.—The Jockey Cup.

Shorty McGee.....(Mr. Rothe) 1
Prince Ericbert.....(Mr. Reiber) 2
Royal Lancer.....(Mr. Herliofson) 3
Time: 2mins. 50.2-5secs.

11.—The Newchwang Cup.

The Night Hawk.....(Mr. Hill) 1
Frisia.....(Mr. Encarnacao) 2
Good News.....(Mr. McCann) 3
Time: 2mins. 11.4-5secs.

12.—The Daily Handicap.

Squeak.....(Mr. Bothe) 1
Kalfalla.....(Mr. Judah) 2
Netherland.....(Mr. Dallas) 3
Time: 1min. 02.2-5secs.

13.

Coeur de Leon.....(Mr. Sokoloff) 1
Bintang.....(Mr. Harris) 2
Cleveland.....(Mr. Dallas) 3
Time: 2mins. 5.2-5secs.

"SWEEP" WINNERS.

"A"
(1) 2822.
(2) 2754.
(3) 12181.

"B"
(1) 18151.
(2) 4019.
(3) 16362.

POWATTAN CHAMPION SWEEPSTAKES.

The local branch of the British-American Tobacco Company inform us that they have received a cable from their Shanghai Office that out of the tickets sold in Hong Kong in the above sweepstakes for the Shanghai Race Club Champion Race, the following numbers have drawn ponies.

408—Appleleaf.
1524—Don Philippe.
2440—Wedding Eve.
3398—Kingscroft.
3624—Purple Diamond.
4806—Travel.
4817—Firefly.
9787—Cowboy.
11237—Daredevil.
13708—Education.

MINISTRY OF SPORT.

NOVELTY PROMISED BY THE SOCIALIST PARTY.

It is reported that if the Socialists at Home are returned at the general election the various trades unions will press for the creation of a Ministry of Sport to regulate, amongst other things, the treatment of professionals.

BY MAIL, WIRE, AND WIRELESS.

London.—The British Under State Secretary of the Colonies has arrived at Nairobi in order to study the problem of creating a British East African Federation, including the mandated territories of former German East African colony.

Geneva.—The conference of delegates of the International Society for Contemporary Music has decided to hold next year's meeting in Liège, Belgium. Oxford was selected as the meeting place for 1931 and Vienna for 1932.

Leningrad.—A wireless message received by the Academy from Professor Feramann says that his expedition for the exploration of the Central Asian Karakum desert is making good progress, as it has been found possible to make use of motor cars.

Moscow.—The Soviet Government has decided to build a new railway line from Barrow to Akmolinsk, extending over 240 kilometres, and connecting important grain and cattle-breeding districts with the Siberian railway. Construction will cost about 21 million roubles.

Essen.—The association of employers in the mining industry of the Ruhr district has accepted the decision of the official arbitrator, which the employees have rejected in view of the high cost of living. The Minister of Labour has, therefore, called a new conference, which is to meet in Berlin in order to reach a compromise.

New York.—Professor Nodgett, the well-known American expert, will go to Soviet Russia in June, at the invitation of the Soviet Government, in order to give a number of lectures in Moscow and Baku on questions relating to the production of naphtha and its by-products.

Eisenach.—The death is announced of the well-known Alsatian poet Friedrich Lienhard, at the age of 64.

New York.—The Chicago express ran into a motor car near Middletown, New York, killing nine, and seriously injuring two people riding in the car.

Munich.—Olaf Gulbransson, the well-known painter who, for several decades, has been one of the outstanding contributors to Germany's best satirical periodical, the Simplicissimus, has been appointed successor of the late Franz von Stuck as member of the Munich Academy of Arts.

Copenhagen.—In the new Cabinet, under Socialist Premier Stauning, who was designated by the King to form a new Government following the resignation of the Madsen Mygdal Cabinet in consequence of its defeat in the general elections, the portfolio of Foreign Affairs will be taken over by Mr. Munch, and the Ministry of Justice by former Premier Zahle. The majority of the seats in the Cabinet will be held by members of the Social Democratic Party, in accordance with the outcome of the general elections. It is expected that a further decrease of the country's armaments will form one of the main points in the programme of the new Cabinet.

Bucharest.—The Government has decided to institute a German-Turkish Chamber of Commerce, with seats in Bucharest and Berlin in order to strengthen the commercial relations between the two countries.

ANTI-ROMAN CATHOLIC OUTBURST.

SCENE IN WASHINGTON CONGRESS.

Washington.—The staid upper house of Congress put aside its dignity for an hour while two members of the Democratic minority engaged in a personal exchange, during a debate, on the merits and demerits of the Roman Catholic Church.

Acrimonious statements came after the Senate had decided by 69 to 14 votes, defeating a resolution introduced last month by Senator J. Thomas Heflin, Democrat of Alabama, demanding that the upper house should go on record with a vote of censure against unknown persons who threw an empty bottle at him during a recent anti-Catholic speech in Brocton, Mass.

After the roll-call Senator Heflin was given the floor for his long-threatened exposure of Roman Catholic influence in the Congress.

"The vote this body has just taken," the Alabama Senator asserted, while many members smiled in apparent bored indulgence, "indicates that the Roman authorities have made, and are making, inroads into the very stronghold of the government. A clarion call has penetrated the Senate preparing the way for some Mussolini to come forth and deliver this city from the Roman Church."

Senator Millard E. Tydings, Democrat of Maryland, replied to his colleague, declaring he considered Senator Heflin's remarks a personal affront.

"I want the Senator from Alabama to know he cannot threaten me a damned bit with such talk," Senator Tydings said.

Senator Tydings is an Episcopalian.

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TO LET OR FOR SALE.—At FANLUE (in On Lex Village), Furnished or Unfurnished, 4 Roomed HOUSE with Garden and Garage. Moderate Price. Apply.—KWONG SANG HONG, LTD., 250, DE VRIES ROAD CENTRAL. [7365.]

TO LET Furnished.—373, THE PRINCE OF WELLS COURT, 2nd FLOOR. Apply: ELTON POTTER, 373, THE PRINCE. [7364.]

TO LET Unfurnished from 1st APRIL. "LA HACIENDA." No. 194, THE PRINCE. Rent Moderate. Apply to Property Office, JABLINE, MATHEWSON & CO., LTD. [7491.]

TO LET.—Small Furnished OFFICE in BANK OF CHINA BUILDING. Apply: Box No. 7699, c/o Hong Kong Daily Press. [7699.]

TO LET.—No. 3, ROBINSON ROAD, Kowloon. Six Furnished Rooms House and Adjoining Apartments. Three and Four Unfurnished Rooms.—Apply: J. M. DA ROCHA & CO. [433.]

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MATSHED at REPULSE BAY. Wanted immediately to Rent, or Advertiser would purchase.—Box 7756, c/o Hong Kong Daily Press.

SMALL EUROPEAN HOUSE. Wanted in Kowloon, near Ferry, with Electric Light and Flush System. Write stating Rent to Box 7755, c/o Hong Kong Daily Press.

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NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

OCEAN STEAMSHIP CO. LTD.
AND
CHINA MUTUAL STEAM
NAVIGATION CO. LTD.CONSIGNEES of the Vessel
"AENEAS"
FROM UNITED KINGDOM
VIA SINGAPORE

are hereby notified that the Cargo will be discharged into the Godowns, Kowloon, where it will be at the Consignees' risk and subject to the Terms and Conditions of Storage at the Godowns. The Cargo will be ready for delivery from the Godowns on and after 6th May.

Optional Cargo will not be landed here, unless Notice has been given prior to the vessel's arrival, but carried on from port to port to the final port of call to which the option extends.

All broken, chafed and damaged Goods are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on any Tuesdays and Fridays, between the hours of 10.45 a.m. and Noon within the Free Storage period.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Vessel's Godown, and all Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th May, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims against the Vessel must be presented to the Underwriter on or before the 26th May, or they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected. BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE, Agents.

6th May, 1929. 17745

SERVICES CONTRACTUAL DES

MESSAGERIES MARITIMES.

CONSIGNEE NOTICE.

S.S. "SPRING".

ARRIVED HONG KONG ON

TUESDAY, THE 7TH MAY, 1929.

FROM MARSEILLES, &c.

CONSIGNEES of Cargo, by the above named Steamer, are hereby informed that the Goods with the exception of Opium, Transfers and Valuables are to be landed and placed at their risk in the Godowns of the Hong Kong and Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained as the Goods are landed.

Goods not cleared within 7 days including date of arrival, will be subject to Rent.

All Claims must be sent to the Underwriter before Thursday, the 16th May, 1929, or they will not be recognized.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 13th May, 1929.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

L. LESDOS, Agent.

Hong Kong, 7th May, 1929. 17751

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD,

BREMER.

THE Motor Ship "F.L.D.A." having arrived from BREMEN, HAMBURG and ports, Consignees of Cargo are hereby notified that their Cargo is being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the Hong Kong & Kowloon Wharf and Godown Co., Ltd., Kowloon, whence delivery can be obtained.

Consignees are further notified that the Steamer "F.L.D.A." has taken at BREMEN & HAMBURG Through Cargo for HONG KONG, S.S. "ACOMA" S.S. "IVAR" and S.S. "KONG" from GOTHENBURG, COPENHAGEN and OSLO.

All Goods remaining undelivered after the 13th of May, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by us in any case whatever.

Damaged Packages must be left in the Godowns for examination by the Consignees and the Company's Surveyors, Messrs. Goddard & Douglas at 10 a.m. on Monday, the 13th of May, 1929.

No Claims will be admitted after the Goods have left the Godowns and all Claims must be presented within Two Weeks of the Ship's arrival here, after which date they will not be recognized.

Consignees are requested to surrender their Bills of Lading to the Underwriter for counter-signing.

MELOCHERS & CO., Agents.

NORDEUTSCHER LLOYD, BREMEN.

Hong Kong, 6th May, 1929. 17748

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MAATSCHAPPIJ.

(UNITED NETHERLANDS NAVIGATION CO.)

HOLLAND-OOST AZIE LIJN (HOLLAND-EAST ASIA LINE).

NOTICE TO CONSIGNEES.

FROM AMSTERDAM, ROTTERDAM,

HAMBURG, BREMEN & GENOA.

THE Steamer "ZOSMA" having arrived from the above Ports, Consignees of Cargo by her are notified that all Goods are being landed at their risk into the Godowns of the China Provident Loan & Mortgage Co., Ltd., whence and/or from the wharves, delivery may be obtained.

Goods not cleared by the 15th May, 1929, will be subject to Rent.

All broken, chafed and damaged Packages are to be left in the Godowns, where they will be examined on the 14th May, 1929, at 10 a.m., by Messrs. Goddard & Douglas, Hong Kong.

Claims against the Steamer must be presented in writing within Ten days after arrival of Steamer, otherwise they will not be recognized.

No Fire Insurance will be effected by the Underwriter in any case whatever.

Bills of Lading will be counter-signed by JAVACHINA-JAPAN LIJN, Central Agents.

Hong Kong, 7th May, 1929. 17750

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Money and Markets

HONG KONG MARKET REPORTS.

Quotations at yesterday's local market for rice and other foodstuffs were as follows:—

Rice.	
Green Star	\$8.75
Green Seal, White	8.76
Red Seal, White Bran	8.76
Double Red Peaches	7.10
Ching Cherk Kou, Unglutinous	6.70
Shing Kung, Unglutinous	6.90
Red Seal, White Broken	5.45
Hung Sai See	7.30
Hung See Miu	7.38
Ching Kuei Fa	7.18
Luk Ling Chee	7.00
Hung Hung Tao, Unglutinous	7.73
Miscellaneous.	
No. 15 coarse granulated sugar	\$ 6.55
No. 24 coarse granulated sugar	7.38
Groundnut oil, Fongtze	22.50
Fish Maw, Kumshan	135.00
White Grapes	37.00
Large Black Preserved Date	14.00
Dates preserved with honey	22.00
Dried Mushroom, Fakoo	250.00

NEW YORK COTTON.

COMMISSION RATE INCREASED.

Messrs. Pentreath & Co. have kindly forwarded us the following letter dated April 12, from Messrs. Hornby Hemelryk & Co. of Liverpool.

A cable from New York informs us that a rule was passed yesterday by the New York Cotton Exchange increasing the scale rate of commission by \$2.50 for opening transactions and \$2.50 for liquidation of same. The rule comes into force to-day, and will affect all new transactions, and also the liquidation of contracts open at present.

Furthermore, another rule has been passed, coming into force on May 15, that no margin credit may be larger than \$5 per bale, or, put into terms of our currency, \$100 per 100 bales.

We append a copy of this rule, which, of course, only concerns New York business and does not affect Liverpool business or business in other commodities in other markets.

"The extension of credits directly or indirectly to any person, firm, corporation, or association, in excess of \$5.00 per bale and/or, exceeding a maximum of \$10,000.00, is declared to be an act detrimental to the best interests of the Exchange, and is hereby prohibited. Any member violating this rule shall be subject to suspension or expulsion, according to Section 81 of the By-Laws."

"It shall be obligatory upon each member of the Exchange to demand full payment by each customer of any amount owing at the close of business of the day, when debits (exclusive of commissions) in excess of credits are incurred in a customer's cotton account, except as hereinafter provided. Customers' credits in other commodities or accounts may be included in determining the amount owing."

"Closing prices on the Exchange and simultaneous prices with other Exchanges shall be the basis for determining the status of a customer's account. On failure to respond to any demand for payment fully, and within a reasonable time, the account shall be closed."

"No debit arising out of any cotton transaction may be liquidated by applying such debit against a credit agreement made in other commodities nor may any unsecured loan be made directly or indirectly for the purpose of evading this rule."

EXCHANGE RATES.

[BRITISH WIRELESS SERVICE.]

Rugby, May 7.	
Paris	124.15
New York	4.85 5/16
Brussels	34.98
Geneva	25.16
Amsterdam	12.71
Milan	92.00
Berlin	29.45
Stockholm	18.10
Copenhagen	18.20
Oslo	18.10
Vienna	34.54
Prague	16.4
Helsingfors	34.0
Madrid	19.3
Lisbon	20.75
Athens	27.5
Bucharest	81.6
Rio	5.57 8/16
Buenos Aires	47 5/16
Bombay	15 29/32
Shanghai	2/54
Hong Kong	1/11 1/2
Yokohama	1/10 1/32
Silver (spot)	25 1/2
Silver (forward)	25 5/16

HONG KONG STOCK EXCHANGE.

CLOSING QUOTATIONS.

May 8, 1929.

H.K. Banks	\$1,310 buy.
London	\$1,310 buy.
Chartered Bank	\$1,310 buy.
Mercantile Bank	\$1,310 buy.
P. & O. Bank	\$1,310 buy.
East Asia Bank	\$1,310 buy.
Canal Insurance	\$1,310 buy.
Union Insurance	\$1,310 buy.
North China Ins.	\$1,310 buy.
Yangtze Insurance	\$1,310 buy.
China Fire Insurance	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Fire Ins.	\$1,310 buy.
Donghai	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Steamship	\$1,310 buy.
Indo-China (Pref.)	\$1,310 buy.
Shell Transport	\$1,310 buy.
Union Waterworks	\$1,310 buy.
Benguet	\$1,310 buy.
Kailan Mining Adm.	\$1,310 buy.
Longtata (combined)	\$1,310 buy.
Shanghai Dock	\$1,310 buy.
Shanghai Loans	\$1,310 buy.
Rails	\$1,310 buy.
Trunk Lines	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. & K. Wharves	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. & W. Docks	\$1,310 buy.
China Provident	\$1,310 buy.
Hongkong	\$1,310 buy.
New England	\$1,310 buy.
Shanghai	\$1,310 buy.
Two Cent	\$1,310 buy.
Shanghai Cotton	\$1,310 buy.
Shanghai (old)	\$1,310 buy.
Do. (new)	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. & S. Hotels	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Lands	\$1,310 buy.
Shanghai Lands	\$1,310 buy.
Hongkong Estates	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Real Estate	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Tramway	\$1,310 buy.
Peak Tram (old)	\$1,310 buy.
Do. (new)	\$1,310 buy.
Star Ferry	\$1,310 buy.
China Light	\$1,310 buy.
Do.	\$1,310 buy.
Do. Rights	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Electric	\$1,310 buy.
Macao Electric	\$1,310 buy.
Sandakan Light	\$1,310 buy.
Shanghai Light	\$1,310 buy.
China Buses	\$1,310 buy.
Singapore Tractors	\$1,310 buy.
Do. (Pref.)	\$1,310 buy.
China Sugars	\$1,310 buy.
Malayan Sugars	\$1,310 buy.
Canton Ice	\$1,310 buy.
Cement (combined)	\$1,310 buy.
Do. (new)	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Boreas	\$1,310 buy.
United Asbestos	\$1,310 buy.
Dairy Farms	\$1,310 buy.
Watsons	\$1,310 buy.
Der A Wings	\$1,310 buy.
Lease Crawford	\$1,310 buy.
Mackintosh	\$1,310 buy.
Sincere	\$1,310 buy.
Wm. Powell	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Construction	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Indus. G. Bonds	\$1,310 buy.
H.K. Govt. Loans	\$1,310 buy.
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NEW YORK STOCK QUOTATIONS.

New York, May 1.

Market Firm.		
Business done, 4,388,900 Shares.		
	Previous Close.	Latest Price.
Allegany Corporation	23 3/4	23 3/4
Allied Chem. & Dye (Com.)	28 1/2	28 1/2
American Can	144 1/4	144 1/4
American C. W. P. "A"	28 1/2	28 1/2
American Smelting	109 1/2	109 1/2
American Tel. & Tel. (Com.)	183 1/2	183 1/2
American Tobacco "B"	146 1/4	146 1/4
Amesbury Copper	54 1/2	54 1/2
Andover Copper	121 1/2	121 1/2
Atlantic Refining	58 1/2	58 1/2
Associated Gas & Elec.	66 1/2	66 1/2
Baltimore & Ohio	121 1/4	121 1/4
Bank of Montreal	112 1/2	112 1/2
Bethlehem Steel (Com.)	40 1/4	40 1/4
Calumet & Hecla	22 1/2	22 1/2
Canadian Pacific Railway	94 1/2	94 1/2
Chicago Northwestern	94 1/2	94 1/2
Chrysler	81 1/2	81 1/2
Columbia Graphophone	85 1/2	85 1/2
Coty, Incorporated	81 1/2	81 1/2
Danaher Chemical	19 1/2	19 1/2
Dry Docks	180 1/2	180 1/2
East Point de Nemours	81 1/2	81 1/2
For Film "A"	24 1/2	24 1/2
General Electric	84 1/2	84 1/2
General Motors	37 1/2	37 1/2
General Ely. Signal	107 1/2	107 1/2
Gold Dust	84 1/2	84 1/2
Goodrich Rubber	37 1/2	37 1/2
Granby Consolidated	37 1/2	37 1/2
Great Western Sugar	71 1/2	71 1/2
Haystack Corporation	71 1/2	71 1/2
International Cement (Com.)	175 1/2	175 1/2
International Harvester Co.	110 1/2	110 1/2
International Match, Pfd.	81 1/2	81 1/2
International Nickel (Com.)	80 1/2	80 1/2
International Prod. (Com.)	10 1/2	10 1/2
Johns-Manville	104 1/2	104 1/2
Kelvinator	90 1/2	90 1/2
Kennecott Copper	90 1/2	90 1/2
Lehigh Valley	24 1/2	24 1/2
Liggett & Myers "B"	104 1/2	104 1/2
Mack Trucks	19 1/2	19 1/2
Madison Square Garden	40 1/2	40 1/2
Marshall & Co.	51 1/2	51 1/2
Mechanics Bank (Com.)	83 1/2	83 1/2
Missouri Pacific (Com.)	129 1/2	129 1/2
Montgomery Ward	126 1/2	126 1/2
National Dairy Products	126 1/2	126 1/2
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CHINA UNDERWRITERS, LIMITED.

SMALL PROFIT ON YEAR'S WORKING.

The Directors of the China Underwriters, Limited will present the following annual report in respect of the year ending December 31, 1928, at the Fifth Ordinary General Meeting of Shareholders which is to be held at St. George's Building, Chater Road, Hong Kong, to-day at noon.

Profit and Loss Account.—After placing \$109,814 to reserve to meet unexpired Marine risks, \$31,787.20 to meet unexpired Fire risks and \$10,991.09 to meet unexpired Accident risks, a net amount of \$9,779.68 has been transferred to the credit of Profit and Loss Account in respect of the year's working, which amount reduces the debit to Profit and Loss from \$47,243.94 to \$37,463.58.

Life Assurance Business.—Life Assurance Applications received during the year amounted to \$3,967,710. Life Policies were issued for \$3,630,407 at Annual Premiums of \$220,844 and applications for \$208,580 were declined. The remainder were postponed or in course of consideration at the end of the year. The Life Premium Income after deduction of Reassurances amounted to \$425,161.23.

The sum of \$15,273.30 was written off Life Establishment Account which is thus reduced to \$110,728.06.

In accordance with the Articles of Association Messrs. C. A. de Bohn and Mok Ching Kong retire from the Board of Directors, and, being eligible, offer themselves for re-election.

Since the last meeting Mr. C. B. Brooke resigned from the Board, and Mr. A. A. R. Botelho was appointed an additional Director by the Board. Mr. Botelho also retires, and, being eligible, offers himself for re-election.

The accounts for the year have been audited by Messrs. Lowe, Bingham & Matthews, Chartered Accountants, and Messrs. Percy Smith, Seth and Fleming, Incorporated Accountants, who being eligible offer themselves for re-election.

SERMON FROM THE GRAVE.

"WOODBINE WILLIE" ON DEATH.

The late Rev. G. A. Studdert-Kennedy, "Woodbine Willie," spoke to hundreds of people in Worcester Cathedral through the dean, the Very Rev. W. Moore Ede, who read a sermon on Life After Death which the famous war padre wrote shortly before he died.

A passage from the sermon read: "Suppose Christ did not rise. Then all his dreams died with him. He may be that life is eternal but that the forms of life are purely temporary. Is that how it is with men and women? Are they merely temporary forms of life?"

That is the choice with which the Christian is faced when he takes his stand in the last ditch and faces the final doubt. I know that last ditch well. I have stood in it many a time, and I know that before I die I shall stand there again and again.

There is not, and can never be, any immediate certainty about it. Not even Christ can give us immediate certainty. Historical evidence of His resurrection is good, but it is not conclusive. Many noble and honest minds have had doubts about it. It comes back to the challenge: "Do you believe that Christ Himself was deluded and mistaken as to His sincerity?"

ARTIFICIAL BLOOD.

MANY LIVES ALREADY
SAVED.FRENCH DOCTOR'S WONDER-
FUL DISCOVERY.

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

A serum which serves as a substitute for blood enabling sufferers from hemorrhage to survive was described by its discoverer Dr. Leon Normet, in a paper read before the Academy of Sciences in Paris, by Professor Charles Richet, the eminent biologist.

The serum, which produced astonishing results when applied to animals has recently been remarkably successful with human beings. Two hundred cases of severe loss of blood were treated by injection of the serum with invariably satisfactory results. This is the first time in the history of medicine, according to Professor Richet, that a serum has been evolved that is able to remedy hemorrhage permanently.

Successful Research.

Science has occupied itself for many years with the problem of finding an injection which will serve as blood during the period required by the drained organism for generating a new supply. Prof. Richet himself experimented with various chemical salts and sugars and was able to keep patients who had bled copiously alive for a short time, but in every case the patient eventually succumbed.

Dr. Normet, who is to-day an army doctor with the rank of the colonel, began his researches during the war, presenting the first fruit of his researches to the Academy of Sciences in 1924. On that occasion he discussed the efficacy of an injection into the veins of citrate of soda in cases of hemorrhage. Now citrate of soda in the smallest doses is a deadly poison, but Dr. Normet had found that when used in combination with citrate of magnesia its poisonousness diminished considerably. In fact, combined in this way, citrate of soda is harmless safe in doses of more than six grams.

Dog Which Survived.

At the end of five years Dr. Normet succeeded in producing a serum consisting of a combination of citrates the success of which surpassed his fondest hopes. Before attempting to apply it to human beings Dr. Normet tested it exhaustively upon dogs. He tried it in cases of hemorrhage where the loss of blood was fifty to sixty cubic centimeters per kilogram, corresponding to the loss in an average man weighing 145 pounds of a gallon of blood.

In these cases the animal had practically ceased to live; its heart had stopped beating and it did not breathe; the only sign of life was the feeble functioning of the nervous system. An injection of the serum not only brought the dog to life immediately but stimulated it to eat and run about. The subsequent recovery was perfect.

The serum has been applied with equal success in approximately two hundred cases among human beings. The value of the serum in all cases of hemorrhage is obvious. Its employment in emergency cases where transfusion is necessary and a donor is not obtainable will make it indispensable in all clinics and hospitals.

The formula of Dr. Normet's serum is simple and is as follows: 25 grams, citrate of soda; 54 grams citrate of calcium; 43 grams citrate of magnesia; 1 gram citrate of ammoniacal iron; 20 grams citrate of manganese for a litre of sterilized water.

MANILA CIGARS.

FACING SEVERE COMPETITION IN AMERICA.

The Philippine cigar trade is facing a very keen competition from American made cigars, and the prospects of Philippine "smokes" in the American market this year are gloomy. Reports have been received in Manila from the United States to the effect that one of the biggest cigar distributors in the States has asked the cigar dealers and jobbers in the American market to refrain from handling Philippine made cigars. Serious effects on the cigar industry in the Philippines are bound to be felt in the near future unless proper measures to counteract this movement are taken in due time.

The American market is at present the greatest consumer of Philippine cigars, with China ranking second.

The total shipment of Philippine cigars abroad during 1928 amounted to 230,334,441 units, valued at P.8,530,279.

NEW WESLEYAN SAILORS' & SOLDIERS' HOME.

GRAND CONCERT.

PRINCIPAL LOCAL ARTISTS.

A thoroughly enjoyable evening's entertainment is in store for those who have been fortunate enough to secure tickets for the concert which is to be given in the Assembly Hall of the Home by the principal artists of the Colony, on Saturday next, May 11, at 8 p.m. in aid of the funds of the Home.

The concert is under the patronage of Hon. Mr. W. T. Southern and Mrs. Southern who have taken a keen interest in the Home, Mr. Southern having laid the principal foundation stone of the building, November, 1927. General Sandilands and Commodore Hill have also promised to be present.

The cordiality with which the artists have tendered their services reflects not only their personal generosity, which is much appreciated by the Committee, but the willingness of the public of Hong Kong to support anything which is done for the welfare of Service Men.

Popularity of Dry Institution.

The popularity of the Home and the fact that it is ministering to the tastes and needs of a large and growing class of men who prefer a "dry" institution to a "wet" one are in part indicated by the fact that nearly 7,000 men have slept in the Home since its opening three months ago, and 1,923 have enjoyed hot baths. Many other figures could be given showing appreciation of the various amenities of the institution, including those of the smart up-to-date restaurant, with its excellent and varied menu. It is interesting to find that 27,000 fresh eggs have been consumed, an average of about 300 a day, served up in a variety of appetising forms and accompanied by an equal variety of attractively presented eatables of other kinds, the cooking of the Home being of exceptional quality and carried on under almost perfect sanitary conditions.

Service Men's Appreciation.

Apart from their patronage of the Home, Service Men have frequently expressed their gratitude to its promoters and backed such expressions by voluntary contributions in money and gifts towards the further equipment of the Home.

The Building Fund is still incomplete, but, apart from that, it must be evident to anyone visiting the Home that an institution run on such first class lines, and working without the profits which are made by a "wet" bar, cannot possibly be a commercially paying concern with the low scale of prices which are charged. It is not intended to be. It exists to serve Service Men, not to make money out of them, and it is hoped that many annual subscriptions will be forthcoming in order that the high state of efficiency may be maintained for the benefit of the men to whom we owe so much, and for the honour of the Colony.

Programme.

- 1.—Selections from "The Gondoliers":
(a) "For the merriest fellows are we"
Mr. Parker and Chorus.
(b) "When a merry maiden marries"
Mr. Tinson and Chorus.
(c) A regular Royal Queen
The Chorus:
Mrs. Tinson, Mrs. Davenport Brown, Mrs. Bellamy, Miss Hancock, Mr. Anniss, Mr. Brock, Mr. Green, Mr. Griggs, Mr. Parker.
- 2.—The Fairies from the Moon.
Mrs. Womack and Misses P. Gittins, R. Wong, H. Ho, M. Glendinning.
- 3.—Songs
Mrs. Bellamy.
- 4.—Songs
Mr. Brock.
- 5.—Humorist
Mr. Burnett.
- 6.—The Jockey Dance
Miss P. Gittins, R. Wong, H. Ho, M. Glendinning.

INTERVAL.

- 1.—On a January Morning in Somersetshire from "Tom Jones"
Mr. Brock and Chorus.
The Yeomen of England from "Merrie England"
Mr. Green and Chorus.
- 2.—Songs from her repertoire
Miss Woods.
- 3.—Songs
Mr. Green.
- 4.—Two Scenes from "Carmen"
(a) "The Canzonet Bohemian" (Act II.)
Frasquita
Mrs. Davenport Brown, Mercedes, Mrs. Bellamy, Carmen, Mrs. Womack, Zuniga, Mr. Parker, Morales, Mr. Dormer, Gipsy Dancing Girl, Miss Rachel Wong, Gipsy Boy, Miss Phyllis Gittins.
- (b) "Terzetto" (Act III.)
Frasquita, Mercedes, and Carmen.

Accompanists—Mrs. Griggs, Mrs. Woods, and Mr. Mason.
God Save the King.

EVERY FOX TO BE SHOT.

SOMERSET FARMER'S ORDER.

CAMPAIGN AGAINST
HUNTING.

Open war has been declared on the hunting community at Minehead by Mr. Henry Nation, the West Somerset farmer who caused a sensation by banning all hunting over his lands last November, and preserving sanctuary for all hunted animals at Clatworthy, on the Brendon Hills.

Mr. Nation has instructed his men to shoot all foxes at sight. He has brought his intentions to the notice of local hunt masters, and publicly issued the following notice:

Extirmination of foxes. I have instructed tenants of my farms at West Hatch and Clatworthy to shoot every fox within range. For the benefit of the country generally it is hoped all farmers will do the same.

Mr. Nation is determined to exterminate hunting in his neighbourhood. His latest move will seriously affect the Taunton Vale Foxhounds and West Somerset Foxhounds.

May Cause Ill-Feeling.

Mr. Nation's farm at West Hatch consists of about thirty acres, including several coverts, in some of the best hunting country of the Taunton Vale Foxhounds. His property at Clatworthy is Roes Farm, holding of 168 acres. Deer, as well as foxes, abound in this hill country neighbourhood, which is hunted by the Dovedale and Somerset Staghounds, the Quantock Staghounds, and the West Somerset Foxhounds.

In an interview Mr. Nation said that he and his wife were determined to pursue relentlessly their crusade against hunting and all that is entailed in suffering to defenceless animals. He also emphasised the loss and annoyance to farmers caused by the depredations of foxes, to prevent which he considered they should be shot and not hunted.

Several Masters of Hounds declined to express any view, but an ex-Master of several well-known packs deplored a move which was, he said, calculated to create ill-feeling between landlords and farmers and hunting people.

Dr. Charles Cornish, a "veteran" follower of the West Somerset Foxhounds, described Mr. Nation's decision as "humbug" and said that other farmers would ridicule it.

CIRCUS ELEPHANTS' ESCAPE.

VISITS TO GERMAN SHOPS.

The inhabitants of Reutlingen, in Wurttemberg, have been provided by a capricious elephant with an effective, if not literally pertinent, illustration of a popular saying. In Germany it is an elephant, not a bull, whose behaviour in a china shop is frequently compared with that of devastating blunderers.

The elephant, which with three others of its kind was visiting Reutlingen with a circus, did not, it is true, enter a china shop, but it found at an optician's and in a lamp shop very similar material upon which to exercise its talents.

In the Main Streets.

The four animals slipped away from their keepers at the goods station after being detained. Three of them, after dancing round several suburban gardens regardless of boundary fences, were soon brought to reason, but the fourth walked across the railway lines into the main streets of the town. It was apparently bent merely on a little healthy enjoyment, and like a well-trained circus elephant, took care to pick its way among the terrified pedestrians to step over persons who had stumbled or been pushed over in the panic.

Its first visit was to the lamp shop in the Wilhelmstrasse, whence, after a tour of the premises, in which remarkably little damage was done, it emerged by another door.

Panic Caused.

At the optician's it became more playful, burst down two doors, and shattered the whole plate glass window and the exhibited stock of spectacles, pince-nez, and optical instruments.

Each visit caused a panic among the sales-people and customers, though in one shop a saleswoman is reported to have had the presence of mind to open a second door into the street, through which the animal obligingly disappeared. The great havoc was wrought in a music shop. The "last visit was paid" through the window—to a men's outfitter, where a motor-cycle and bicycle suffered irreparable damage. There followed another half-hour's chase through streets and gardens, at the end of which the animal was trapped in the courtyard of a hospital. The heavy double gates were closed, but a playful beave of the shoulders disposed of them instantly, and the chase continued until at last the truant, bleeding from cuts acquired during its violent progress, was cornered and returned with the aid of leg shackles and a motor lorry to the circus. One of the keepers was slightly injured, and had to receive attention in hospital.

STREET HYDRANT CASE.

ALLEGATION AGAINST
POLICE.

A Chinese, who appeared yesterday before Mr. E. W. Hamilton at the Central Magistracy on a charge of drawing water from a street hydrant in Connaught Road West without authority, was fined \$5 or in default to serve seven days' imprisonment.

Defendant informed his Worship that the Chinese constable who arrested him, had been willing to release him on being offered \$1 as bribe, but that on seeing a European Sergeant coming his way, he re-arrested him (defendant) and took him to the Station.

His Worship directed the Inspector in charge of the case to look into the accusation.

LAWRENCE OF ARABIA.

[BRITISH UNITED PRESS.]

Colonel T. E. Lawrence, author and mystery man of the British Army in Arabia, has again discovered that he can't hide his identity in England like he can in the far wilds of Arabia. He has been found scrubbing floors and making beds in the "Cattowater Royal Air Station at Plymouth."

Early in February, Colonel Lawrence, going under the name of Aircraftman Shaw of the Royal Air Force, arrived in England from Arabia with the greatest secrecy. The "Uncrowned King of Arabia," as he is termed, was ordered to return to England for diplomatic reasons.

Living in a Hut.

Since his return he has been trying to avoid the public, and for many days he went by "unnoticed" among the humble workers with whom he was associated. His Oxfordian accent and his diminutive stature—he is only 5 feet 3 inches tall—soon gave him away.

In order to avoid the inopportunities of memento hunters, autograph seekers and persistent interviewers, Colonel Lawrence resorts to his high speed motor-cycle with which he flees from the flying field. He lives in a hut along with twenty or more other aircraftmen with whom he has his meals. They are now aware of Mr. Shaw's real name and fame but he has forbidden them to mention the word "Lawrence" or "Arabia."

ECHO OF KU KLUX KLAN.

A SENATOR'S PLEA REFUSED.

The Senate at Washington have refused, by 69 votes to 14, to adopt a resolution moved by the Hon. J. Thomas Heflin (Democrat, Alabama), condemning the attack made upon himself at Brockton, Massachusetts, recently, after he had addressed a meeting of the Ku Klux Klan.

Senator Heflin, on that occasion, was assailed with missiles, including a bottle which missed him but struck a policeman.

He aroused a considerable religious controversy during the debate on his resolution by making the charge that it was due to influence brought to bear by Catholics.

SNAKES AS MOUSERS.

It is reported that Havana storekeepers are gradually doing away with the use of cats for catching mice. Instead, snakes of the boa species are being used as "mousers."

The m.v. Ruhr (H.A.L.) left Shanghai on Wednesday, the 8th inst., at 9 a.m., and is due here on Saturday a.m., the 11th inst. She will be dispatched on Saturday, the 11th inst., at 2 p.m.

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HOLIDAYS IN JAPAN.

N.Y.K. EXCURSIONS.

The Nippon Yusen Kaisha has decided to issue summer excursion tickets between Hong Kong and Japan, commencing June 10 and ending September 18, in order to afford every facility to residents in Hong Kong and vicinity to take summer vacations in Japan, the rates of passages being as follows:

Nagasaki and return H\$163
Kobe " " 210
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These summer excursion tickets will be available for three months, permitting of stop-over at way-ports.

BANNED U.S. NOVEL.

BOSTON'S BOOK CENSORSHIP
AT WORK.

Boston's book censorship measures again are called into play, this time against Mr. Theodore Dreiser's widely discussed novel, "An American Tragedy."

A local jury convicted Mr. Donald Friede, a New York publisher, for selling the book in Boston, finding it to be an "obscene work."

The prosecutor, in asking for a conviction, asserted that the novel contained "matter tending to corrupt the morals of youth."

RUSSIA'S FOOD SHORTAGE.

The shortage of foodstuffs and other daily necessities is getting very serious in Moscow, the people waiting in long lines for hours near the shops without getting what they need. The private shops are also unable to get supplies even at exorbitant prices for the very poorest qualities.

The same state prevails in the cities of the Ukraine. The authorities have decided to issue new regulations concerning the trade in daily necessities but they will hardly relieve the situation as long as the Government stands by its policy of restricting imports.

MORE SHIPPING BOARD
SHIPS TO BE SOLD.

Washington.—The United States Shipping Board has ordered preparations to be made for sale of the vessels of the American, Gulf and Orient line to the Yankee Line, for guaranteed operation under the American flag.

BISHOP'S BONES FOUND.

During the recent excavations in the ruins of the Abbey of La Noe, Labouneville, France, according to word just received from Paris, the skeleton of a Bishop of the thirteenth century, his pastoral ring still on his finger and his episcopal cross by his side, was found in a tomb. Through documents in the abbey, the body has been identified as that of the Bishop of Evreux, Garin de Sierrey, who died in 1201. The pastoral ring has been added to the treasury and relics of Evreux Cathedral.

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Afrika, Manners, May 14.
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Lahore, P. & O., June 1.

AUSTRALIAN PORTS.

Taipung, B. & S., May 14.
Kaga Maru, N.Y.K., May 22.
Tanda, E. & A., May 31.

BALTIC PORTS.

Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.

BALTIMORE.

City of Lille, Bank, May 10.
Rhexenor, B.F., May 10.
Comliebank, Bank, May 27.
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BANGKOK.

Kanchow, B. & S., May 9.
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Cremer, J.C.J.L., May 9.
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City of Lille, Bank, May 10.
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BREMEN.

Franken, Melchers, May 20.
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BRINDISI.

Rosandra, Dodwell's, May 25.
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CALCUTTA.

Malacca Maru, N.Y.K., May 9.
Takada, B.I., May 11.
Hosang, Jardine's, May 17.
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Golden Sun, States S.S., May 18.
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CHEFOO.

Kueichow, B. & S., May 15.
Huichow, B. & S., May 23.
Sarpedon, B.F., May 31.

COLOMBO.

Kidderpore, P. & O., May 9.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Tamba Maru, N.Y.K., May 11.
Kalyan, P. & O., May 11.
Ruh, Jeben, May 11.
Hector, B.F., May 13.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., May 13.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
D'Artagnan, M.M., May 21.
Vogtland, Jeben, May 21.
Moresa, P. & O., May 23.
Rosandra, D'Well's, May 25.
Penang Maru, N.Y.K., May 23.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, May 29.
Duisburg, Jeben, June 1.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Sphinx, M.M., June 4.
Delta, P. & O., June 8.

COPENHAGEN.

Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.
Delhi, Gilman's, June 3.

DALNY.

Kanchow, B. & S., May 9.
Sauerland, Jeben, May 13.
Mala, Melchers, May 17.
Yingchow, B. & S., May 19.
Sarpedon, B. & S., May 31.
Trier, Melchers, June 5.

DUTCH PORTS.

City of Lille, Bank, May 9.
Ruh, Jeben, May 11.
Africa, Manners, May 14.
Hector, B.F., May 13.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.
Kamo Maru, N.Y.K., May 13.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Vogtland, Jeben, May 21.
Diomed, B.F., May 23.
Duisburg, Jeben, June 1.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Sphinx, M.M., June 4.
Delta, P. & O., June 8.

GENOA.

Ruh, Jeben, May 11.
Pres. Hayes, Dollar, May 19.
Franken, Melchers, May 20.
Vogtland, Jeben, May 21.
Toyooka Maru, N.Y.K., May 22.
Duisburg, Jeben, June 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Glaucus, B.F., June 3.

GLASGOW.

Hector, B.F., May 15.
Glaucus, B.F., June 3.

GOTHENBURG.

Afrika, Manners, May 14.
Nanking, Gilman's, May 15.
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HAIPHONG AND HOIHOW.

Canton, M.M., May 10.
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Diomed, B.F., May 23.
Glenbeg, Jardine's, May 29.
Duisburg, Jeben, June 1.
Fulda, Melchers, June 1.
Katori Maru, N.Y.K., June 1.
Lahore, P. & O., June 1.
Pres. Polk, Dollar, June 2.
Sphinx, M.M., June 4.
Delta, P. & O., June 8.

HONGKONG.

Haiyang, Douglas, May 10.
Haiching, Douglas, May 14.
Haining, Douglas, May 14.

HONOLULU.

Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Bokuyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 21.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., May 21.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 29.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Pres. Grant, Dollar, June 4.

ILOILO.

Golden Sun, States S.S., May 18.
Iowa, States S.S., May 19.
Tacoma, States S.S., June 3.

JAPAN PORTS.

Delta, P. & O., May 9.
Tsuruga Maru, N.Y.K., May 9.
Kamakura Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Lycaon, B.F., May 10.
Tsuyma Maru, N.Y.K., May 10.
Tamsa, B.I., May 12.
Kashima Maru, N.Y.K., May 13.
Sauerland, Jeben, May 13.
Suisang, Jardine's, May 13.
Flume, Dodwell's, May 14.
Pres. Taft, Dollar, May 15.
Glenfifer, Jardine's, May 15.
Emp. of Asia, C.P.S., May 15.
Siberia Maru, N.Y.K., May 15.
Main, Melchers, May 17.
Tango Maru, N.Y.K., May 17.
Canton, Gilman's, May 19.
Medon, B.F., May 19.
Iyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 20.
Angers, M.M., May 21.
Pres. McKinley, A.M.L., May 21.
Tilawa, B.I., May 22.
Siam, Manners, May 23.
Venezia, Dodwell's, May 23.
Tydeus, B.F., May 23.
Rajputana, P. & O., May 24.
Medon, B.F., May 24.
Antiochus, B.F., May 25.
Pres. Jefferson, A.M.L., May 25.
Oldenburg, Jeben, May 29.
Quarrington Court, Jar., May 29.
Taiyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 29.
Franken, Melchers, May 30.
Ginyo Maru, N.Y.K., May 30.
Tyndareus, B.F., June 1.
General Metzinger, M.M., June 4.
Pres. Grant, A.M.L., June 4.
Emp. of France, C.P.S., June 5.
Santia, B.I., June 5.
Machon, B.F., June 9.

KANTON.

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AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"ANKING"	On 12th May, 8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KATING"	On 12th May, Noon
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SOOCHOW"	On 14th May, 5 p.m.
WHAIRAI, CHIFU & TIENTSIN	"KUEICHOW"	On 15th May, 10 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"CHENAN"	On 16th May, 8 a.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"NINGHAI"	On 16th May, 7 a.m.
AMOI, SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KINGTUAN"	On 19th May, 8 a.m.
SWATOW & SHANGHAI	"KWANGCHOW"	On 19th May, Noon
SHANGHAI, NEWCHANG & DALY	"YINGCHOW"	On 19th May, 3 p.m.
AMOI, SHANGHAI & TIENTSIN	"SHANTUNG"	On 21st May, 5 p.m.
HONGKOW, SHANGHAI & BANGKOK	"KINGCHOW"	On 22nd May, 10 a.m.
HONGKOW, PAKHOI & HAIPHONG	"LINAN"	On 23rd May, 10 a.m.
WHAIRAI, CHIFU & TIENTSIN	"HUICHOW"	On 23rd May, 10 a.m.

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G. METZINGER ... 2nd July	PORTHOIS ... 2nd July
ANDRE LEBON ... 16th July	CHENONCEAUX ... 16th July
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STATION	MAY 7, 1929.										MAY 8, 1929.									
	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Hygrometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds	State of Sky	Time of Day	Remarks	Barometer at Sea Level	Thermometer	Hygrometer	Wind	Direction	Force	Clouds	State of Sky	Time of Day	Remarks
Wladivostok	30.24	76.8	...	SSE	1	...	...	...	...	...	30.03	76.2	...	ENE	1	...	...	...	...	...
Nemuro	30.18	76.6	...	SE	1	...	...	...	...	...	30.00	77.0	...	NNE	2	...	...	...	...	...
Hokodate	30.22	76.7	...	SSE	1	...	...	...	...	...	29.94	76.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tokio	30.04	76.3	...	SSE	1	...	...	...	...	...	29.75	75.3	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kochi	29.75	75.5	...	SSE	1	...	...	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Nagasaki	29.86	75.3	...	SSE	2	...	...	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Kagoshima	29.92	76.0	...	S	1	...	...	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Oshima	29.94	77.0	...	S	3	...	...	...	...	...	29.86	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Naha	29.92	76.0	...	SSW	2	...	...	...	...	...	29.84	75.8	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shimonoseki	30.16	76.0	...	ESE	1	...	...	...	...	...	30.06	76.5	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Bonin Island	29.78	75.4	64	78	E	1	b	...	...	...	29.75	75.6	58	50	...	...	...	...	...	...
Chefoo	29.86	76.4	68	77	N	1	...	...	...	...	29.88	75.9	57	98	...	...	...	...	...	...
Shanghai	29.91	75.7	60	94	NNW	1	...	...	...	...	29.96	76.1	58	100	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guttsaif	29.72	75.4	78	86	...	...	...	...	...	...	29.78	75.4	70	90	...	...	...	...	...	...
Sharp Peak	29.77	75.1	81	87	SE	2	...	...	...	...	29.80	75.9	73	95	...	...	...	...	...	...
Amoy	29.78	75.4	86	65	WSW	3	...	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	73	94	...	...	...	...	...	...
Swatow	29.89	75.3	90	...	SSE	2	...	...	...	...	29.85	75.8	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Taihu	29.87	75.7	93	...	S	4	b	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tainan	29.87	75.7	93	...	S	4	b	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	75	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Koshu	29.87	75.7	93	...	S	4	b	...	...	...	29.81	75.7	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pescadore	29.80	75.9	80	85	E	1	...	...	...	...	29.79	75.6	74	94	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hong Kong	29.81	75.7	81	89	SE	2	...	...	...	...	29.79	75.6	73	96	...	...	...	...	...	...
Gap Rock	29.78	75.4	81	89	SE	2	...	...	...	...	29.73	75.1	73	96	...	...	...	...	...	...
Macao	29.73	75.1	86	71	W	1	...	...	...	...	29.83	75.7	78	93	...	...	...	...	...	...
Hoihow	29.82	75.4	86	78	SSE	4	b	...	...	...	29.76	75.6	79	96	...	...	...	...	...	...
Pratas Island	29.73	75.1	84	...	NNE	2	...	...	...	...	29.80	75.9	79	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Phu Lien	29.74	75.4	84	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	29.81	75.7	77	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tourane	29.78	75.6	86	68	SE	4	...	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cape St. James	29.80	75.9	80	68	NE	4	...	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Basco	29.76	75.6	90	68	SE	4	...	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Apari	29.74	75.4	97	42	S	1	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tuguegarao	29.76	75.6	90	68	W	4	...	...	...	...	29.84	75.7	73	82	...	...	...	...	...	...
Vigan	29.75	75.7	93	46	SE	4	...	...	...	...	29.82	75.7	79	91	...	...	...	...	...	...
Manila	29.78	75.8	90	63	NW	2	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Legaspi	29.88	75.4	90	66	SW	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Calbayog	29.78	75.3	90	63	S	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Tacloban	29.78	75.1	90	55	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Iloilo	29.75	75.7	86	56	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Cebu	29.75	75.7	86	68	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Surigao	29.78	75.6	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Saipan	12.22	29.78	75.6	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Guam	11.00	29.75	75.7	...	NE	4	...	...	...	...	29.78	75.6	...	ENE	4	...	...	...	...	...
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Ponape	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
Labuan	14	29.80	76.6	88	84	SW	2	...	...	...	29.85	75.2	78	86	SW	2	...	...	...	...

May 8d. 11h. 16m.—Pressures is highest in the Pacific to the east of Japan and the Bonins, relatively low over China generally. Depressions are situated over Tonking and South Japan.

Hong Kong rainfall for the 24 hours ending at 10 a.m. to-day, 1.37 inch. Total since January 1, 7.83 inches, against an average of 18.67 inches.

FORECAST FOR THE 24 HOURS ENDING AT NOON ON THE 9th.

Forecast.	Forecast.
1.—Formosa Channel ... S. winds, moderate.	
2.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Lamooks ... S.W. or variable winds, moderate; cloudy rain.	
3.—Hong Kong to Gap Rock ...	
4.—South coast of China between Hong Kong and Hainan ...	

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HONG KONG METEOROLOGICAL REGISTER.

Hong Kong Observatory, May 8.

	Previous Day at 4 p.m.	On Date at 10 a.m.	On Date at 4 p.m.
Barometer ...	29.76	29.84	29.78
Temperature ...	82	75	74
Humidity ...	81	94	93
Wind ...	SSW	Calm	Calm
Force ...	1	0	0
Weather ...	0	OLT	OMR
Rain ...	0.00	0.00	1.81

Highest open-air Temperature, 7.82

Lowest open-air Temperature, 8.74

B—Blue sky; C—Cloudy; D—Drizzle; F—Fog; L—Lightning; M—Mist; O—Overcast; P—Passing showers; Q—Squalls; R—Rain; T—Thunder.

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High Water. Low Water.

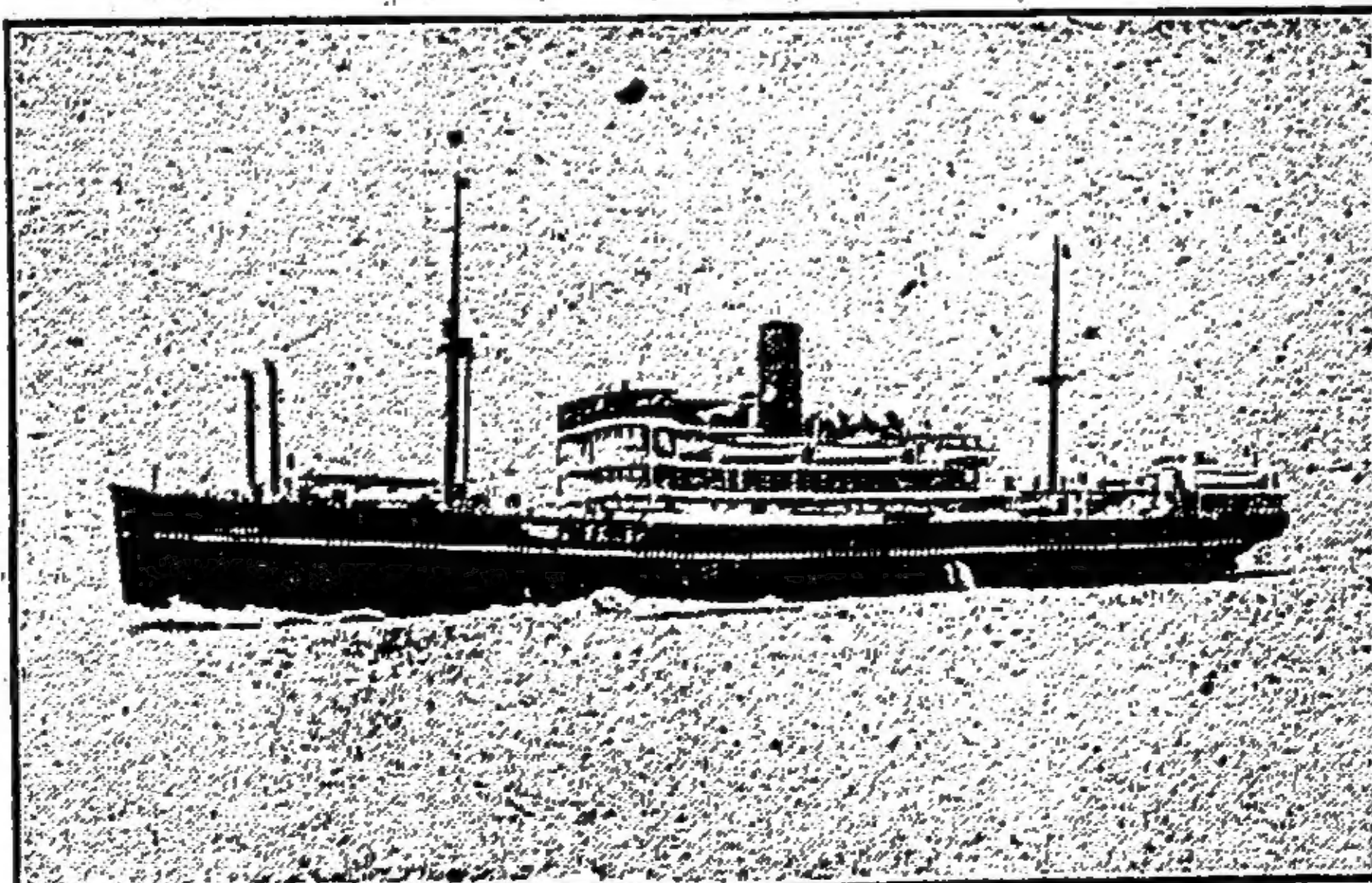
Days of Week	Date	High Water	Low Water	High Water	Low Water
Thur.	9	h. m. 8 48	h. m. 7 0	h. m. 8 48	h. m. 7 0
Fri.	10	h. m. 10 7	h. m. 5 4	h. m. 10 7	h. m. 5 4
Sat.	11	h. m. 11 8	h. m. 4 9	h. m. 11 8	h. m. 4 9
Sun.	12	h. m. 12 13	h. m. 4 1	h. m. 12 13	h. m. 4 1
Mon.	13	h. m. 1 39	h. m. 3 41	h. m. 1 39	h. m. 3 41
Tues.	14	h. m. 2 14	h. m. 3 8	h. m. 2 14	h. m. 3 8
Wed.	15	h. m. 2 54	h. m. 2 28	h. m. 2 54	h. m. 2 28

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EMPERESS OF ASIA	May 15	May 18	May 21	May 23	June 1
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	Cargo for H.K.	Through Ports.
British	773	667
Emp. of Asia, Vancouver	773	667
Chak Sang, Canton	608	960
Chak Sang, Canton	—	310
Kanchow, Canton	—	430
French	1,379	2,376
Athos II, Japan	7	7,113
Sphinx, Marseilles	152	1,100
Dutch	152	8,213
Zosma, Bremer	1,324	10,456
Japanese	1,324	10,456
Siberia Maru, Shanghai	539	—
Taungma Maru, Dunkirk	1,147	8,230
Toku Maru, Mito	6,038	—
Chinese	7,724	8,220
Shun Chik, Saigon	1,700	—
Tak Hing, Macao	80	—
Total	11,366	29,265

Arrivals and Departures.

The arrivals and departures during the period under review were:

	Arr.	Dep.
British	3	0
Japanese	1	3
Norwegian	1	1
Chinese	2	1
Dutch	1	1
French	2	3
American	1	2
Total	15	16

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